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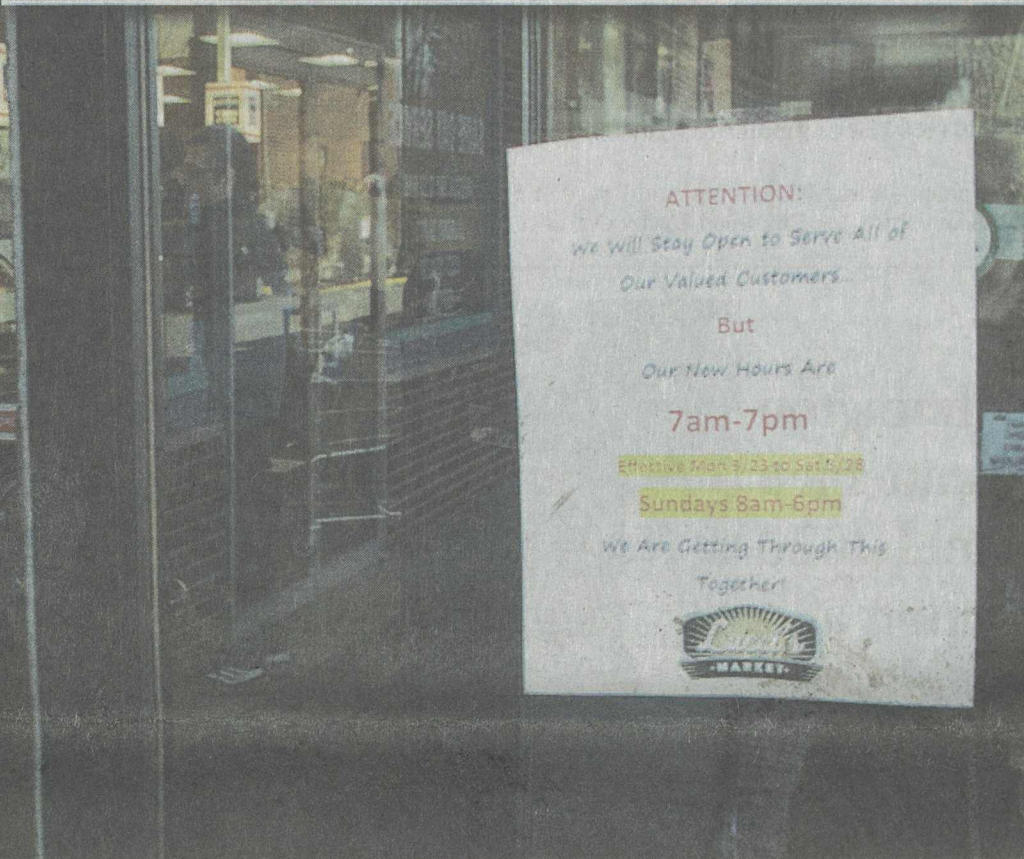
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► Yentile Farm Recreational Facility in Wilmington is closed — what's next?

▼ Another concerned face leaving Lucci's Market. The market remains open under new hours 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (photos: BruceHilliard.com)



Three confirmed COVID-19 cases in Wilmington

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Monday, the Board of Health reported that Wilmington now has three

confirmed positive cases of COVID-19. These are the first residents of Wilmington with positive results after coronavirus testing. There were also three cases confirmed in

Tewksbury on the same day. Board of Health Director Shelly Newhouse R.S. said that these three residents were the first to show symptoms, which is

why they were tested. She also shared that none of the residents with coronavirus are town employees. While previously Newhouse had confirmed that

four residents were in quarantine, she shared that there is now a total of seven residents in quarantine. However, so far none of the quarantined residents have any symptoms.

She explained that all quarantined residents have come into contact with someone who had tested positive, although not all

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Note to our readers

To our readers:

Due to the coronavirus outbreak closing our government facilities, restaurants and many businesses, along with many event cancellations and postponements, your Town Crier may look a little different. We have been forced to lessen the number of pages in certain sections but plan on keeping our readers informed by delivering the same amount of news just with a slightly different look. We appreciate your support as we all adjust to this new reality.

Town leaders grapple with virus outbreak

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — At an emergency meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Friday, March 20, the layout of Room 9 at the Town Hall was different than those attuned to local politics have grown accustomed to.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the town's response to COVID19, the coronavirus illness currently spreading rapidly through the country. Members of the board were seated at separate tables six feet apart and angled slightly away from each other.

Town Manager Jeff Hull was alone at the front of the room, and members of the public were not permitted to attend in person in order to keep the number of room occupants below 10. This was done in accordance with statewide modifications to open-meeting law in order to contend with physical distancing requirements.

A single-digit number of local officials sat in the back, also spaced apart. The meeting was streamed live on WCTV for members of the public to watch. The primary order of business of the meeting was

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Schools 'frozen in time' due to COVID-19

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — On Thursday, March 19, the Wilmington School Committee held an emergency meeting via videoconferencing platform Zoom to discuss logistical issues posed by the COVID19 illness.

"As you might imagine it's been a whirlwind of activity the past six days, since the district moved to close our schools," said Superintendent Glenn Brand. He noted that he had

spent much of the days prior on conference calls with the commissioner of education, the local association of school superintendents, and surrounding districts. He noted that actions were being discussed at both the state and federal level with regards to the mobilization and coordination of resources necessary to contend with the crisis.

The primary order of business for the meeting was to approve the continued payment of hourly and salaried employ-

ees who were on active status at the time of the school closure. The motion will give employees their regular salary and benefits during the three weeks in which schools are closed.

The committee voted by roll call, and unanimously passed the resolution.

In addition, Brand noted that food services would be offering grab-and-go lunches on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of this week.

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Gary DePalma running unopposed for selectmen

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Gary DePalma has returned papers for the open seat this year on the Board of Selectmen, which will be voted on at the annual town election.

DePalma is a husband, a father, and a grandfa-

ther. He's lived in Wilmington for the past 29 years and participated on the Town By-Law Committee.

His life's work has been for a state investigative agency for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, mostly looking into white collar crime. DePalma is now retired and ready to

take on a more active role in town politics after years of following the Board of Selectmen.

DePalma is running because he has developed, through his experience, a knack for listening to people and learning the whole story for every concern.

"There are always two

sides to a story," DePalma said. "I feel that the board needs an individual that will listen strongly, not passing judgment on people's concerns without listening to both sides and presenting facts."

While he's open to listening and relying on the expertise of Wilmington

residents, he won't make decisions based on what one person says alone. When it comes to determining what's best for a situation, he said that he will sort out the truth of the issue by listening to people in town and reading all of the information

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Former Wilmington assistant superintendent

Waltham chooses Reagan as new superintendent

By CASSIA BURNS
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Last month, on Feb. 27, Wilmington Assistant Superintendent Brian Reagan was selected to be the next Superintendent for Waltham Public Schools. Reagan will replace previous Waltham Superintendent Drew Echelson, who resigned at the end of the

2019 school year to serve as the director of an educational leadership program at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education.

Reagan has served as the Assistant Superintendent of the Wilmington Public Schools since July 2018. He succeeded Sean Gallagher, who left the district to serve as the Superintendent for Newburyport Public Schools.

In nearly two decades of educational leadership, Reagan has previously served as Bedford High School's Assistant Principal, Shrewsbury High School's Principal, and Hudson High School's Principal.

Reagan's educational background includes degrees from Northeastern University (Ed.D.), University of Massachusetts - Boston (M.Ed.), and Boston University (B.A.).

The selection process by which Reagan was chosen began with a pool of 25 applicants, which was later narrowed down to four finalists. Finalists were selected by a search committee, made up of 15 people, including three School Committee members, two administrators, three faculty members, three parents, two community members, and representatives of the special education team and of an English language learner.

Aside from Reagan, the other finalists were Braintree Superintendent Frank Hackett, North Middlesex Regional School District Superintendent Brad Morgan, and Sergio Paez, a school administrator from

Rhode Island. The finalists then underwent a public interview process.

Ultimately, the Waltham School Committee selected Reagan by a vote of 5-1. Following the vote, the School Committee chair called Reagan with the news.

Reagan is set to begin the position on July 1, 2020.

Pinewood Derby with Pack 136



▲ Cub Scout Pack 136 recently had a successful Pinewood Derby. Many races happened and positive sportsmanship and great memories prevailed. From left with their cars are: Rylan Foley (with Hacker Pants) Rowan Norton (with Speedster), Jimmy FitzPatrick (with White Light), David Foley (with Donuts) and Braeden Foley (with LSU Car). Cub Scout Pack 136 is looking for several more scouts to round out our Pack. Cub Scout Pack 136 meets Thursdays from 6 - 7 p.m. at Wilmington Mason Hall, 32 Church St, Wilmington. Please call Frank West at 978-658-1754 or email troop136Wilm@aol.com

► Cub Scouts Jimmy Fitzpatrick and Braeden Foley watch as their Pinewood Derby cars race to the finish line at Cub Scout Pack 136 Pinewood Derby event. A great time was had by all in attendance. (Courtesy photos)



Wilmington Minutemen hold 2020 election and installation of officers

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▲ Wilmington Company of Minutemen recently conducted their 2020 Election and Installation of Officers. The Company were honored to be installed by State Representative (and Company Private) Dave Robertson. Minutemen 2020 Officers are as follows: Lieutenant Hugh McNeil, Captain Frank West, State Rep (and Private) Dave Robertson, Adjutant Sargent Karen West and Company Chaplin Mike Kelley. Wilmington Company of Minutemen meets the second Thursday of each month at Minutemen Headquarters, 430 Salem St., Wilmington (just behind the Harnden Tavern and Town Museum). Wilmington Minutemen is looking for a few new members (men, women and families) who have an interest in preserving colonial history, marching in parades, and just want to have fun. Please call Captain Frank West at 978-658-1754 or email westrewilm@aol.com for quesations. (Courtesy photo)

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It's Your Money
by Todd Brisbois



THINGS TAXPAYERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE SHARING ECONOMY AND THEIR TAXES: — PART II —

There are special rules for rentals.

If a taxpayer rents out their home or apartment, but also lives in it during the year, special rules generally apply to their taxes. Taxpayers can use the Interactive Tax Assistant tool, Is My Residential Rental Income Taxable and/or Are My Expenses Deductible? to determine if their residential rental income is taxable.

Participants may need to make estimated tax payments.

The U.S. tax system is pay-as-you-go. This means that taxpayers involved in the sharing economy often need to make estimated tax payments during the year. These payments are due on April 15, June 15, Sept. 15 and Jan. 15. Taxpayers use Form 1040-ES to figure these payments.

There are different ways to pay.

The fastest and easiest way to make estimated tax payments is through IRS Direct Pay. Alternatively, taxpayers can use the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System.

Taxpayers should check their withholding.

Taxpayers involved in the sharing economy who are employees at another job can often avoid making estimated tax payments by having more tax withheld from their paychecks. These taxpayers can use the Withholding Calculator on IRS.gov to determine how much tax their employer should withhold. After determining the amount of their withholding, the taxpayer will file Form W-4 with their employer to request the additional withholding.

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Three students named to Dean's List at BU

BOSTON — Three Wilmington residents have recently been named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the Fall semester.

Students recognized for this honor include: Julia Bighetto Albignante, Alexa M. Peroni and Evonna

Smiljic.

Each school and college at Boston University has their own criterion for the Dean's List, but students generally must attain a 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale), or be in the top 30 percent of their class, as well as a full course load

as a full time student.

Founded in 1839, Boston University is an internationally recognized institution of higher education and research. Consisting of 16 schools and colleges, BU offers students more than 250 programs of study in science and engi-

neering, social science and humanities, health science, the arts, and other professional disciplines, along with a number of multi-disciplinary centers and institutes integral to the University's research and teaching mission.

Legislature empowers cities, towns to postpone and reschedule elections

BOSTON — Representative Tram T. Nguyen, Representative David Robertson, and Senator Barry R. Finegold along with their colleagues in the House and Senate passed legislation to help protect public health by providing cities and towns the authority to postpone and reschedule certain municipal elections and related activities.

Governor Baker has signed the bill into law.

The legislation includes guidelines for public notification of rescheduled election dates, voter registration deadlines, absentee ballots processing, and

the display of sample ballots. The legislation:

- Allows municipal governments to postpone caucus or certain elections scheduled before May 30, 2020 and reschedule the caucus or elections to a date prior to June 30, 2020.
- Allows any eligible voter to vote early by mail for elections occurring before June 30, 2020.

"In the fog of this public health crisis, we are promoting clarity and public health safety in our local elections by giving voters options to safely participate from home due to our need for social distancing," said Rep. Nguyen. "I

am proud of my colleagues for their strong leadership during this crisis as we do everything we can to keep our residents safe, healthy, and empowered to vote."

"Giving town managers and municipal officials the flexibility to postpone town meetings and elections is essential to ensure that our most important democratic function doesn't become a catalyst for the spread of the coronavirus," said Rep. Robertson. "I am delighted that my colleagues in both the House and the Senate passed this legislation that will allow for residents to participate in our democ-

racy while maintaining the necessary social distancing standards to protect the safety of our communities."

"Exercising our democratic right to vote is one of our most important civic duties, but right now ensuring we keep each other healthy and limit the spread of coronavirus is as important," said Sen. Finegold, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Elections. "I applaud my colleagues for passing this bill, which will allow Massachusetts residents to vote safely by delaying elections and expanding vote-by-mail and early voting."

1918 flu pandemic sparked Wilmington's nursing program

By LARZ F. NEILSON

The world-wide flu pandemic of 1918-1920 did not miss Wilmington, and it resulted in the town hiring not one but two public health nurses. Dr. Daniel Buzzell, Wilmington's town doctor, was faced with 363 cases of the flu in 1918.

Statistics in the town reports show three fatalities attributed to influenza, occurring in October and November, 1918 and January 1919. There were also 16 deaths from bronchial pneumonia and bronchitis. There was a total of 53 deaths in Wilmington in 1918. The year before, there had been 34, none from influenza.

Dr. Buzzell desperately needed skilled help. He went to the Red Top Turkey Farm on Ballardvale Street. When Alice Doucette came to the door, he said, "I need you."

Miss Doucette had studied nursing at the Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford, graduating in 1908. She had worked in the emergency room, then the maternity ward. For several years, though, she had done private duty work.

When she suggested to Dr. Buzzell that she might need to go back to school for study in public health,

he replied, no, that would be like putting a fully-baked cake back in the oven.

They proceeded to work for 13 days straight, only stopping for cat-naps.

The pandemic was spread far and wide. *The Boston Globe* quoted Dr. John Hitchcock of the Mass. Dept. of Health on Dec. 6, 1918 showing 15,000 deaths and 300,000 cases in Massachusetts. Worldwide, millions of people died. There are no exact numbers, only estimates, possibly as many as 50 to 100 million.

In Boston, there were 997 deaths between Sept. 14 and Dec. 15, 748 from flu and 249 from pneumonia. A nursing student named Esther Kruschwitz was pressed into service caring for patients in their homes.

The city considered her services so valuable that it provided her with a taxi, to avoid having her waste time waiting for a bus. She, too, had been a

nursing student at Lawrence Memorial Hospital, but had taken additional study with the Instructive District Nursing Assoc. of Boston, at Simmons College. She was in the first class to complete that program and was one of the first public health nurses in the country.

The Wilmington Women's Club had begun discussion of a public health service in March 1918. The committee was chaired by Emma Perry, working along with Roseanne Manning, Nina Barrows and Mrs. Tyler Stevens.

With the nation heavily involved in World War I, the idea did not fly, but neither did it fly away. People continued to discuss it through the remainder of the year. Then, that fall, shortly before the war ended, the flu hit. Only a few months later, the town meeting appropriated \$1,000 to start a



▲ DR. DANIEL BUZZELL



▲ Esther C. Nichols, RN, (right) was one of the first certified public health nurses in the U.S.

health service. By mid-June, it was in operation.

President of the nursing association was Mrs. Stevens; vice president was Mrs. Perry, secretary Mrs. Barrows, and the treasurer was Edward M. Neilson.

The Wilmington Public Health Nurse Assoc. bought a complete nursing outfit and a Model T Ford. Esther Kruschwitz went to work on June 15. When school reopened, she and Dr. Buzzell began examining all school children. They found pressing needs in many children. So much dental work was needed that they brought in the Middlesex County Farm Bureau Dental Clinic to come in and work.

They found that many of the smaller children would bring a lunch, but would be so hungry that they would eat the lunch

at recess time, with nothing else for the rest of the day. Arrangements were made to bring in hot cocoa to be served at lunch time. By 1924, this had been expanded to include milk and hot soup.

Another health need in the elementary schools was clean water and restrooms. This led to the town establishing a water department in 1928.

The 1919 town report carried a four-page report on the health service, written by Nina Barrows. She was a dynamic leader in town, long involved with the Red Cross. Her husband was Herb Barrows, a selectman and founder of the Wilmington Finance Committee.

On June 30, 1920, Esther Kruschwitz married Guy Nichols, M.D. He listed his occupation as medical

assistant, but would eventually take over the family business, the funeral home. His half-sister was Emma Perry.

With two nurses serving the town, Alice Doucette became the public health nurse and continued in that role for 27 years. Esther Nichols was hired as school nurse in November 1922. She worked in that capacity for almost two years, but in 1924, she was lured to a much higher paying position in Boston.

Constance Holliday became the school nurse, but left in 1927. The 1928 report said that Mrs. Nichols had resumed the leadership in school health work. Her return probably coincided with the couple adopting a son, Edward M. Nichols. She continued as school nurse for the next 31 years, retiring in 1959.

HHS awards \$2.5M to state to boost its COVID-19 response

This week, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded \$2,579,075 to 38 health centers in Massachusetts stemming from the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020.

Health center recipients in Massachusetts may use these awards to address screening and testing needs, acquire medical supplies and boost their telehealth capacity in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

On Friday, March 6, 2020, President Donald Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020, which provides \$8.3

billion in emergency funding for federal agencies to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak, including \$100 million for HRSA-funded health centers nationwide. Recognizing the urgency of the situation, and the important role health centers play in their communities, HHS is making funding for health center recipients in Massachusetts available immediately.

"HRSA-funded health centers have been and will be critical players in our national response to the COVID-19 pandemic," said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. "The new grants we're releasing today are a rapid injection of resources secured by President Trump from Congress in the supplemental funding bill, building on the strong investments HHS has made in health centers over the

years. President Trump has emphasized a whole-of-government, whole-of-America response to the pandemic, and these grants will help health centers, which know the needs and resources of their communities best, to play their part."

The funding supports health centers across the country in their emergency planning and response efforts. The awards will give health centers the flexibility to meet the evolving COVID-19 needs in their respective communities including but not limited to, expanding COVID-19 screening and testing capacity, purchasing supplies such as personal protective equipment (PPE) and providing safety education.

"HRSA-funded health centers provide high-quality primary care services

to 28 million people in the United States. That is 1 in 12 people nationwide. These grantees operate 13,000 service delivery sites that are lifelines to services and networks of resources in their communities every day, and especially during a crisis," said HRSA Administrator Tom Engels. "HRSA-funded health centers will receive this funding as quickly as possible so they can maintain their ability to deliver quality primary health care services to their patients while responding to developing needs in their communities."

For a list of award recipients, visit <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-covid19-FY2020-awards>.

For more information about COVID-19, visit <http://coronavirus.gov>.

Tewksbury overnight parking ban suspended

TEWKSBURY — Parking Clerk Denise Grafio informs residents that the Tewksbury Police Department recognizes the need for additional overnight parking to accommodate family members returning from college and/or staying home from work.

Effective immediately (March 18, 2020), officers

will temporarily stop enforcing the Overnight Parking Ban — barring any snowfall that would require plowing or sanding. Enforcement will resume on Nov. 1, 2020.

Complete text of the town by-law can be viewed on the town's municipal website <http://www.tewksburyma.gov/parking-clerk>

Book Stew Review

'Girl, Woman, Other' by Bernardine Evaristo

By EILEEN
MACDOUGALL

This prize-winning, outstanding novel flows like a river from its source, the playwright Amma, to and through a series of lovers, mothers, daughters, great-grandmothers, teachers — with all the colors and ethnic branches of a vast British matriarchy.

Feminist by all definitions of that word, male characters are peripheral yet also well-drawn. The stories are pungent,

provocative, and pulsating with joy and conflict.

The writing is stream-of-consciousness and takes poetic form, without quotation marks and short of some standard punctuation, but once the reader relaxes into it, the journey is surprisingly smooth.

The 12 main characters intersect in surprising ways and I marvel at the cleverness of Evaristo's design. Rife with delightful Brit slang, this is my favorite of 2020 so far.

Statement regarding operations at the Middlesex District Attorney's Office

WOBURN — The Middlesex District Attorney's Office has been working collaboratively with the Middlesex Sheriff's Office, the Middlesex Chiefs of Police Association and local police departments to ensure that they continue to serve the residents of Middlesex County and protect public safety during this time.

Recognizing that this is an evolving situation, they have been in constant communication to establish a plan that will safeguard due process rights of defendants, ensure that victims of crime receive justice and protect the safety of law enforcement personnel. This plan includes advising issuing summons for arraignments when possible and making arrests only where there is no public safety alternative.

They are also working with Middlesex Sheriff Peter Koutoujian and the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS) to review the bail status of some individuals in custody who may have specific health considerations or could possibly have their bail reevaluated.

They recognize that there are a number of immediate needs for defendants, victims, witnesses and mem-

bers of the public. To address some of these questions, their office has issued the following guidance:

- The Supreme Judicial Court issued an order limiting in-person proceedings in Massachusetts state courthouses until at least April 6, 2020; during this time arraignments will be conducted remotely.

- During this time all court dates have been suspended.

- Victims with standing restraining orders should be advised that their restraining orders will remain in effect until a new court date is scheduled.

- Members of the public can contact the office using our main line 781-897-8300. Staff will be answering calls during regular business hours, voicemails left on this line will be checked, and your call will be returned.

- If you are a defense attorney and need to contact an attorney in their office please use the main line: 781-897-8300 and your will be directed to an on-call Assistant District Attorney who can connect you with the appropriate staff member.

- If you have an emergency please call 911.

Their staff is committed

to remaining available and fulfilling their commitment to the people of Middlesex County during this time. Their Assistant District Attorneys continue to work closely with the Trial Court to participate in court proceedings remotely, and to address emergency situations. While their office is working remotely, they remain available to help provide guidance and resources to victims and witnesses.

Be assured that although their physical locations are closed, their staff remains committed to their core mission to protect public safety, safeguard due process rights of defendants, and ensure that victims of crime receive justice.

The Massachusetts Trial Court has suspended all trials until April 21, 2020. All other court dates have also been suspended. Their office is in the process of reaching out to individuals directly regarding the status of these cases. If you have been charged with a crime, or are the family member of someone charged with a crime, you should contact your or their attorney.

Resources for survivors of rape and domestic violence are available 24/7 to help you think through

ways to stay safe through Safelink and the National Domestic Violence Hotline:

- Safelink (877) 785-2020
- National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233

Help is also available at Jane Doe, Inc. and through the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance www.mass.gov/mova. Shelters are open. If you need an emergency restraining order you can do this at your local police department.



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Letters to the editor

Youth soccer league extends scholarship program applications indefinitely

To the editor,

On behalf of the TYSL (Tewksbury Youth Soccer League) Board of Directors, I hope this letter finds you — our member families — healthy and coping as well as reasonably possible during this exceptionally difficult period. These are extraordinary times, indeed.

School closures have disrupted student life, including limited access to education department staff and student data/records. Social-distancing requirements have restricted our interactions with friends, family and school-mates. New realities in the working world have created uncertain economic circumstances for so many and placed heavy burdens on others working in industries/roles deemed essential.

And, most critically, families of first-responders, doctors, nurses, lab tech-

nicians and clinicians have been asked by society to remain exceptionally strong while their loved-ones perform countless hours of what can only be described as heroes work. We simply can never thank them enough.

As a community-based organization, TYSL believes that our community's focus is best kept, without distraction, on the vital actions that help ensure our collective safety. Therefore, in order to ensure fair opportunity and limit distractions to family-life, the 2020 TYSL Scholarship Program application period will be extended indefinitely. We will provide further updates pursuant to the educational system's plans for resumed operations.

Sincerely,
Jay Anderson
Secretary
Tewksbury Youth Soccer League

Line of March canceled

To the editor,

Given the recent CoVid-19 pandemic events and the public need to maintain social-distancing to curtail the spread of this virus and save lives, the Town of Tewksbury has declared an official state of emergency.

It is with a heavy heart that we must cancel the Line of March event scheduled for April 26, 2020. We hope you will consider joining us again next year at this time. More information on the planning of next years Line of March

will be communicated in the fall of 2020 for the April 2021 event.

In closing, please, adhere to the national and local mandates to remain isolated and stay safe. All of our hopes go out to the victims of this pandemic around the world and wish a swift resolution of this deadly menace.

Thank you for your support for this event

Tewksbury Historical Society Line of March Committee

Our civic responsibility to fight the coronavirus

(Eds. note: the following editorial comes from State Rep. Tram Nguyen)

To the editor,

As citizens, we are currently faced with some of the greatest challenges we have encountered in recent memory. The seriousness and consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic has surpassed anything any of us could have imagined.

We were already living in very demanding times, overloaded with concerns and responsibilities that pulled us in many directions. COVID-19 has now made this even more severe. To ask everyone for more seems unfair. Yet, I must ask. Now, more than any other time in our country's history, we have a shared civic responsibility to each other and a monumental need for civic engagement.

Going forward we must all be accountable for the future. We must all model the right behavior for the good of our communities and so that our children learn from us — what it means to be conscious that what we do, has impli-

cations for everyone else. I am asking for two important acts of civic engagement that are simple to fulfill. 1) Please take the need for social distancing seriously and 2) complete the 2020 Census

Social distancing is a fundamental tactic that will help us defeat the spread of COVID-19. It is clear we were not ready, and it is hard to imagine the magnitude of what we would have needed to do to be ready. Each day, though, state and local officials are stepping up and getting closer and closer to managing this threat proactively. Businesses are moving online if they can and there is help for businesses that cannot do so and will need additional help. It seems like we have been under this threat for a very long time, yet it is just a few weeks and our leaders have made important advances to protect the Commonwealth

For the sake of the "common wealth," I ask you to do your part to ensure the success of what our leaders are doing. Follow the protocols to protect your health. Wash your hands

By PAUL J. ANDREWS
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Member of Board of Winchester Hospital

This is such a most-complicated time in all of our lives as you see people trying to understand what this situation is all about, folks trying to find a way to cope with being inside most of the day, coping with the news data giving a realistic perspective of what is happening in the communities and states and asking the simple question as to how long will we be coping with this situation.

There is not a person who knows the answer to that question and if they say they know, just chuck it away as useless. We have never faced the magnitude of an impact on our shores so nobody has a clue.

Some areas of hope

Being positive in my life I feel some hope when I hear that some vaccines are being worked on to assist the population. I feel hope when I see the number of companies that are offering to provide added masks and gowns from various locations in the United States. I feel proud that so many volunteers are working with agencies to supply food for those who don't have

it. I feel good that the super stores are opening early morning for our seniors. I take so much delight that we see an increase of people calling those who are alone. I take delight in cell phones that have come to the rescue of so many people.

Nurses and doctors

I have always had a special place in my heart for nurses and doctors but they shine like stars in this "horror" as they are working extra time to try and treat both those who have symptoms of the virus as well as working with families of these individuals off line. They put themselves in harms way, as administrators try to make sure basic safety equipment is found and made available. These same special people have their own families to think of as well as the care they need at work in this horrible time.

Police and fire

The phone rings in these local Town Crier police or fire stations saying that they have a person who has flu symptoms at a certain address and they are off to that location using pre-cautions but they never know what they will find any day of the year pre-Corona, not to mention facing victims who are ter-

rified with the feeling they have the dreaded virus.

While they calm the patient down, they know how difficult this could be, as they head to a local hospital that is already overburdened with current cases. But you know that each one of these police or fire staff member does find the way to handle each case with care and words of encouragement.

Parents at home

You parents out there all will receive a medal as you have children to entertain, teach and explain or make sense out of why life has changed for all, as schools begin to move into a more positive teaching mode in times ahead through the assistance of administrators, teaching staff and the internet that is proving so valuable.

JUST A NOTE: Many of you have expressed an interest in my extractions from Morning Pulse even though some of these are not so good this week. Let me launch some of those who raised my attention: Japan schoolgirl uses own savings to handcraft 612 masks for people in need; Small business owners tapping into personal savings; Gas could go as low as 90 cents a gallon; Covid-19 leaves Harvard in grave financial situation, experts say; Apple dominates wearables market

in Q4; Historic slide in oil could cost energy industry thousands of jobs; Hong Kong coming back to life after coronavirus lockdown; Real Estate stocks take big hit as markets suffer worst day since 1987 and the health-care system isn't prepared for the coming surge in dementia patients.

Prayer against Coronavirus

Lord Jesus Christ, Our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those who are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for those medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon to your infinite mercy. Amen

(Written by a Jesuit theologian and provided to me by a medical staff member of Winchester Hospital.)

Hope this helps andrews @massupt.org

10 students named to Dean's List at Stonehill

EASTON — To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered. The following local students were named to the Fall 2019 Dean's List at Stone-

hill College:

- Kaitlin Gallezzo, Class of 2023, of Wilmington
- Nolan Kane, Class of 2022, of Wilmington
- Victoria Burch, Class of 2021, of Tewksbury
- Ashley Colarusso, Class of 2020, of Tewksbury
- Claudia Curro, Class

- of 2020, of Tewksbury
- Kayla Giaimo, Class of 2022, of Tewksbury
- Irene Houde, Class of 2021, of Tewksbury
- Alex Joseph, Class of 2021, of Tewksbury
- Michelle Stracqualursi, Class of 2020, of Tewksbury
- Lauren Whelton, Class

of 2021, of Tewksbury
Stonehill is a Catholic college located near Boston on a beautiful 384-acre campus in Easton, Massachusetts. With a student-faculty ratio of 12:1, the College engages over 2,500 students in 80+ rigorous academic programs.

gress, which also determines the number of Electoral College votes for each state. This is critical to the outcome of future legislation and elections. These numbers are also used as the basis for the formula for our Federal funding allocation.

Funding ranging from \$2,400 - \$3,600 per resident (not citizen, resident) is allocated based on census numbers. This funding formula remains constant for 10 years, until the 2030 Census.

Our allocation goes towards roads, schools, public works projects, hospitals, public safety, services for seniors and veterans, and so much more. Many towns have organized Complete Count Committees to avoid

undercounting. Completing the census online yourself and encouraging others to complete the census online is a simple act of civic engagement that amplifies the work of your local Complete Count Committee.

It is also an important step to ensure that your voice and the voices around you are heard at both the local and Federal level.

My thoughts are with you every day; I promise that I am working diligently on your behalf for a safe and healthy future for all of us.

Representative Tram Nguyen advocates for the people of the 18th Essex District, which includes parts of Andover, North Andover, and Tewksbury.

Recreation Department now working from home

Hello recreation customers:

Governor Charlie Baker has just issued a new advisory, and the Recreation Department staff will now be joining all those who are currently working from home.

All of our programs and trips that are scheduled through April 8 are cancelled or postponed. As soon as we have new information on any program for which you are registered, we will email you with all of the options you have.

The Tiny Tots/Kids Club Program Registration Night scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, is postponed. We will send an email blast, post on Facebook and issue a press release through the Daily Apple with the new

date when we have it.

If you have any questions regarding classes, programs or sports leagues, please contact Brett Sawin, Program Coordinator, at bsawin@wilmingtonma.gov

If you have any questions regarding trips or other concerns, please contact Karen Campbell, Recreation Director, at kcampbell@wilmingtonma.gov

If you don't have access to a computer, and need assistance, please call Karen Campbell at 978-658-4270.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as we work to keep our customers safe and healthy.

The Rec. Team

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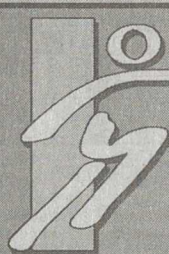
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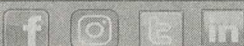
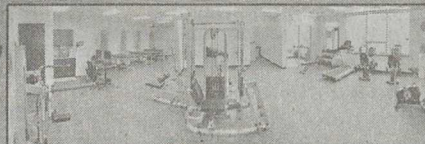
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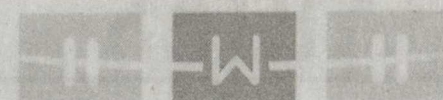
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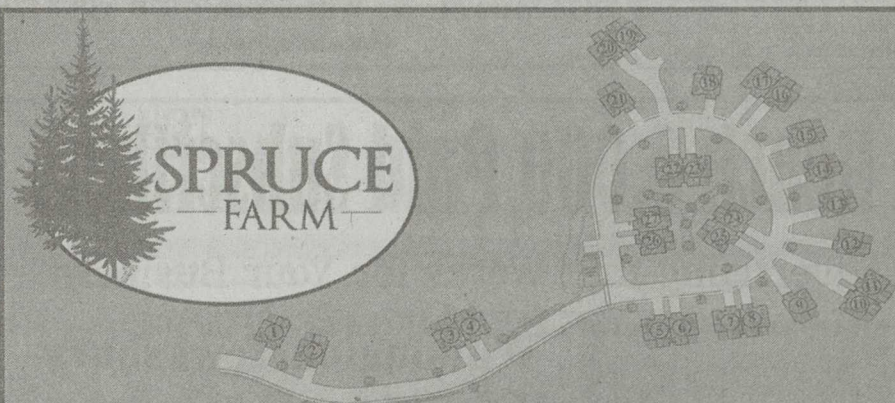
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Rose Marie (Cornish) Buffa

Worked as both an accountant and waitress

Rose Marie (Cornish) Buffa, age 89, of Wilmington, formerly of San Jose, California, passed away peacefully on March 17, 2020.

Rose Marie was born on Nov. 6, 1930, in the Bronx, New York; she was the dear daughter of Perry Henery and Emma (Krumpholtz) Cornish. Rose was one of 10 children raised during the depression.

While working at the lunch counter of a Woolworth's in New York, Rose met (and later married) Emanuel (Manny) Buffa. Together they moved to San Jose, California where they had three children.

Manny passed away and Rose took pride in the fact that she raised her children while being a "professional waitress." She did study accounting and worked as an accountant in California, but missed interacting with her customers so she quit and returned to her career as a

waitress.

She loved interacting with people and was always doing things to help others without looking for recognition, she just did what she felt was right.

In 1989, Rose moved to Massachusetts to be near her daughter and grandchildren, becoming a resident of Wilmington in 1991 where she was heavily involved in her grandchildren's activities. Rose became known by many as simply "Nana" and she loved it.

Her absence leaves a hole in the hearts of those who loved her, but she leaves behind lots of dear memories for us when we sit and remember in "peace and quiet." She will be loved, always and forever.

Rose was the devoted mother of Carole Machado of California, Michael Buffa of Oregon, and Christina Marie (Augello) Buffa of Wilmington. She was the loving grandmother of

Matthew Morello of California, Alyssa Marie Augello of Tennessee, formerly of Wilmington, Krysten Augello of Tennessee, formerly of Wilmington, Francis Augello III of Wilmington, Anthony Buffa of Oregon, Melissa Buffa of Oregon and great-grandchildren Blake, Kinser, and Mia Morello all of California, Natalie Rose Farley of Tennessee, and Mayleigh Buffa of Oregon.

Dear sister of Joan (Cornish) Iannaco & her late husband Anthony, and Joyce (Cornish) Dibic and her late husband Walter of New York, the late Edna (Cornish) Conoto and her late husband Samuel, the late Harry Cornish and his late wife Helen (Zabski), the late William Cornish and his late wife Elizabeth (Uhl), the late Robert Cornish, the late Mildred (Cornish) Carbon and her late husband Courtney, the late Geraldine (Cornish) Kai-



ser and her late husband Rueben, the late Edward Cornish and his wife Helen (Lesnak).

Rose is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Rose's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02454 or online through act.alz.org.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA.

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Jeanne M. 'Mimi' (Rubino) DaMore

Known as amazing cook and baker

Jeanne M. "Mimi" (Rubino) DaMore, age 73, a long-time resident of Wilmington, formerly of Revere, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on March 11, 2020.

Jeanne was born on Jan. 18, 1947, in East Boston; she was the cherished daughter of the late Alfred and Phyllis Rubino.

Jeanne was raised and educated in Revere and was a graduate of Revere High School. Following graduation, Jeanne went on to further her education at Burdett Business School in Boston.

Jeanne married the "love of her life" Peter DaMore on Feb. 22, 1969; the couple lived in Revere for a few years before moving to Wilmington nearly 48 years ago. Jeanne was an amazing wife, mother, grandmother, who showed her family with unconditional love and devotion.

Jeanne made a wonderful home for her family; she had an open door policy and she treated her

children's friends as her own family.

Jeanne loved being a mom; she was always there to support her children in whatever they were involved in and she beamed with pride as she spoke of what wonderful adults that had become.

Jeanne's role as "Mimi" to her grandchildren was truly one she treasured; she just adored her grandchildren and looked forward to attending their school events, sporting events and cheering competitions.

Jeanne will be fondly remembered as kind and caring towards others; she always went out of her way to give back to her community. She was known to be an amazing cook and baker who enjoyed hosting for her family and friends or she would bring food to others who were ill or in need of a friend.

All who knew Jeanne knew that she was a huge sports fan; she closely followed the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots but her favorite team to

follow was the BC Eagles and she considered Doug Flutie a personal friend.

Jeanne was truly "one of a kind," thoughtful, friendly and loving. Her passing had left a huge void in the hearts of those who loved her. She will forever be loved and missed by all.

Jeanne was the beloved wife of Peter T. DaMore, Sr., devoted mother of Peter T. DaMore, Jr. and his wife Gayle of Burlington, Fred DaMore and his wife Ann of Woburn and Lisa King and her husband Christopher of Wilmington.

Loving "Mimi" of Tyler, Trae, Dylan, Joseph, Gavin, Lily and Bobby. Cherished daughter of the late Alfred and Phyllis (Zevolo) Rubino, dear sister of Louis Rubino and his wife Marsha of Burlington.

Sister-in-law of John & Dawn DaMore and Geraldine & Robert MacCuish all of Revere. Jeanne is also survived by her nieces, nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jeanne's memory may be made to the Wil-



mington High School Scholarship Fund, kindly put "In Memory of Jeanne DaMore" in the memo line and mail to Lisa King, 187 Taft Road, Wilmington, MA 01887.

Due to concerns of the current situation with the coronavirus; the DaMore family has decided to have a private service at this time and will have a public Celebration of Life at a later date. Please follow our website for updated information.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA.

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McKay named to Dean's List at James Madison Univ.

HARRISONBURG, VA — Tewksbury resident,

Benjamin McKay, has been named to the dean's list at James Madison University for the fall 2019 semester. Students who earn dean's list hon-

ors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.899. McKay is majoring in economics.



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Slight changes to the Tewksbury Police Dept.

TEWKSBURY — As of Monday, all town buildings, including Police Headquarters, were closed to the public. This was a precautionary measure and every department is, and continues, to work on maintaining the exceptional level of service residents have come to know and expect.

The mission of the police department is and will always be to keep the community safe and assist everyone in their time of need. The Tewksbury Police Department remains vigilant while they continue to protect and serve the community during this trying time.

Although police headquarters is closed to the public, the department remains fully operational and continues to respond to all calls for service. As they continue to work through this period, they have developed better ways to respond to some of their service calls.

While reviewing the Centers for Disease Control guidelines, some changes have been made to allow them to keep their officers protected while also being available to protect and serve the town. These small changes will also protect the public by reducing the amount of personal space and contact for all.

As a police department, they will continue to deliver community services, investigate crimes, and make arrests when necessary. They have put into place a new option which will allow the community to report minor (non-urgent) crimes on-line, thus eliminating the need to come into the station. Please be assured these incidents will be reviewed and followed-up on by an officer.

As a department they will continue to plan for any issues that may arise during this time. As always, they ask that in an emergency you call 9-1-1 and that all other non-emergency issues be directed to their business line: 978-851-7373 Ext. 0 to speak with a dispatcher.

Additionally, for those crimes/incidents that do not require immediate response, citizens can file a crime/incident report on-line:

<https://www.tewksbury-ma.gov/police-department/news/report-a-crime-on-line>

If you are not sure if online reporting is appropriate, please call the business line at the police department (978-851-7373 Ext. 0).

Below are some additional phone extension and email address options for services they provide:

Records Request: Ext. 223, mvitale@tewksbury-ma.gov

Accident Reports: Ext. 223, mvitale@tewksbury-ma.gov

Family Services: Ext. 240, 978-995-5996, kriccardi@tewksbury-ma.gov

Non-Emergency Mental Health service: Lowell Mobile Crisis Team, 978-455-3397

MH Clinician: Katlynn Bell, 978-215-9642, Katlynn.Bell@lahey.org

Non-Emergency Substance Use Services: Officer Jennie Welch, 978-479-5843 Ext. 230, jwelch@tewksbury-ma.gov; Anne Marie Yastrzemski, 978-771-5782, annemarieameri-corps@paariususa.org; Leanne Maniscalco, 978-226-3795, leanneamericorps@paariususa.org

MA Substance Use Help-line: 800-327-5050, www.help.linema.org

Thank you in advance for your continued support and cooperation in this matter. The Tewksbury Police Department will continue to be proactive and urges any citizen who suspects criminal activity to call the Dispatch Center at 978-851-7373. If you wish to remain anonymous please call the Tip Line at 978-851-0175 or send an email to tewksdetectives@tewksbury-ma.gov.

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Wilmington, Tewksbury students make Dean's List at UMass Lowell

LOWELL — Local residents have been named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Among those recognized for achieving academic distinction for the fall 2019 semester at UMass Lowell are:

- Indrit Agalliu of Tewksbury, majoring in pharmaceutical sciences
- Sara Aldahabi of Tewksbury, majoring in biology
- Khawla Aoudat of Tewksbury, majoring in business administration
- Travis Ardit of Tewksbury, majoring in information technology
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- Lauren Barletta of Tewksbury, majoring in nursing
- Michael Barletta of Tewksbury, majoring in mechanical engineering
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- Isabella DeRoche of Tewksbury, majoring in mechanical engineering
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Board of Selectmen declare local state of emergency

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to declare a local state of emergency, which the board voted to do unanimously. According to Hull, this was primarily done in the case that Town Meeting is not able to take place before the end of the fiscal year, and will allow the town to continue operations in that situation.

The joint meeting of the Planning Board and the Finance Committee has been continued from March 17 to May 12. Annual Town Meeting is tentatively rescheduled for Saturday, May 30. Town elections are still scheduled to take place on April 25, with April 6 being the last day to register to vote.

Director of Public Health Shelly Newhouse addressed the board on steps the town is taking to curb the spread of COVID-19. According to Newhouse, as of 5 p.m. on March 20, the town had no confirmed positive cases (the town has since reported on three confirmed cases).

"I really just want to ask the public to continue doing the great job they're doing to social distance (ing) themselves," Newhouse said.

She echoed state and federal officials with the assertion that the town is doing what it can to "flatten the curve" of infection by reducing disease transmission, and subsequently reducing burden on health-care systems.

Selectman Jomarie O'Mahony asked if the health department needed assistance or additional help in any areas in particular, to which Newhouse noted that at that point, her staff was well accounted for.

"I have a really great staff that's been really great through this whole thing... and we talk constantly, 24/7, and we'll still be working, even if there's a shutdown or anything, I'll still be working," said Newhouse.

Newhouse acknowledged that the physical distancing measures were difficult, but assured listeners that, by adhering to them, the town could weather the outbreak and reduce transmission.

"If we stick together, we can do it," she said. "It will work, we just have to do it."

Fire Chief Bill Kavanaugh also addressed the board with an update on the town's emergency response system. He noted that the Fire Marshal had suspended all inspectional

services for the time being, but that all crisis intervention resources remained available.

He noted that Samantha Reif and Lou Cimaglia were still reachable for substance abuse and mental health support services, and veterans support services, respectively.

Kavanaugh noted that responders were taking extra precautions in order to reduce virus transmission.

"They're (responders) moving a little more deliberately, if you will," Kavanaugh said.

In response to a question from Selectman Jonathan Eaton, Kavanaugh added that soap and hand sanitizer were currently well stocked in town.

"I believe we're in decent shape, but if this goes for a period of time, it's going to be a problem," he noted.

He added that if any residents had masks or gloves on hand, to consider donating them to area hospitals that may already be running short on supplies.

Selectman Michael McCoy asked Hull if the town could do anything to delay the property tax filing deadline.

"What are we going to do to try to help folks out there?" he asked, suggesting a grace period would help those who self-employed, in addition to both those in the private and public sectors.

Hull noted real estate and excise tax payment deadlines are established by state legislature, and he would suspect that such a grace period would be discussed but did not know to what extent conversations were ongoing. McCoy requested that a request be made to the local legislative delegation to keep the issue at the forefront.

According to board chair Greg Bendel, the town will be providing information regarding the outbreak to residents on the town website and Twitter page, the Board of Health Facebook page, police department and fire department Twitter and Facebook pages, and Wilmington Community Access Television (WCTV) for anyone who is not online or on social media.

"We are at a critical point in our history. Each of us needs to do our part to stop the spread of this virus," said Bendel.

"The Town of Wilmington is not closed, the strength of this community will never close, and the time you spend with your immediate family will never close," he added.



Picked over

Lucci's Market in Wilmington lining the shelves with generic toilet paper and paper towels.

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One running for Board of Selectmen seat

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available.

Part of figuring out the best course of action for DePalma means including every person whom he would represent.

"I believe that when you sit on the board, it's not a political part or referendum; it's a town referendum. Whatever we're working on should be what's best for the town as a whole and not any specific group alone."

This candidate also expressed a willingness to work closely with the state and federal delegations, especially in the wake of the rising coron-

avirus epidemic, so as to best meet the needs of Wilmington.

DePalma supposes that he can work in harmony with the other members currently on the Board of Selectmen.

"We need — and we do have — strong voices on the board," he said.

As an example, he shared that he strongly supports the article presented by the Board of Selectmen that's being reviewed in the annual Town Meeting.

"We do need a new senior center. We've talked about it for years and nothing has happened. I don't believe that we

should just give out a large sum of money without knowing where it's going."

That said, he added that he strongly disagrees with the two articles for the Town Meeting that have been presented by Selectman Michael McCoy.

DePalma wants to keep Wilmington a fiscally conservative town that's a great place to live. This means that he'll focus on business but not overdeveloping; he'll see that updates to schools and the senior center don't raise taxes beyond what residents can afford; and he'll consider the town's environmental concerns.

However, he knows that the town's priorities may change because of the epidemic, and he'll be ready when they do.

Until this crisis is over and residents can focus on these issues, DePalma asks residents to stay safe and follow the guidelines from the state and the Board of Health so that life can return to normal as soon as possible.

Town Clerk Christine Touna-Conway couldn't say whether the annual town election will be postponed due to the stay at home advisory, but she said in an email that a decision will be made soon.

School won't extend further into summer

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According to Brand, the department of education has established that days of school lost to the coronavirus outbreak are not considered instructional days, but are instead treated as snow days or a planned vacation week would be. The 180-day requirement has been waived, such that, were students to return to school later this spring, the school year would not extend further into the summer than had been previously planned.

June 19 is the slated last day of classes for the district. Brand added that all instructional deadlines have been paused.

"We're coming to terms with the understanding that we're really frozen in time right now," Brand said.

Brand also provided context on educational resources to students currently home from school. Due to issues of "equity and access," pub-

lic schools are more limited than private schools in what can be expected of students working from home. He noted that while some districts had immediately provided take-home learning resources to families, "... quite frankly, I think some of these lists were not that well formulated."

Brand stated that district leadership in Wilmington took extra days to compile a "thoughtful" list. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Staff Development Brian Reagan spearheaded this effort, and "has pulled together really a terrific set of resources, activities, links, and ideas," according to Brand.

Committee member David Ragsdale asked about the time scale of these resources.

"How far out do they go in terms of expectations for the number of weeks?" He asked. "Are they just extending to sort of the

three weeks we have right now for closure or do they potentially go beyond that?"

"The majority of the resources are electronic... they're resources that refresh all the time," Reagan answered.

Another issue discussed was a cancelled student trip to Europe. Committee member Steve Bjork asked Brand whether there would be any recourse for students and families who had already paid for the trip. Brand stated that the travel company had tentatively offered vouchers to students, to be used for future travel. Brand noted that this could pose problems for students who could not, or did not want to take advantage of such an option.

Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Finance Paul Ruggiero added that Wilmington High School Principal Linda Peters was in talks with the travel company in the hopes

of working out a more amenable option.

"We're still working to get more guidance about that," Ruggiero said.

Committee member MJ Byrnes expressed frustration that the company was not providing more options.

"For them not to be a little bit more willing to work with families... some students might not be able to use this voucher," said Byrnes. "I think it's profiting off the current situation."

Brand noted that news was liable to change quickly, and that the district continues to work with a number of entities at both the state and federal level to ensure that the situation evolves as smoothly as possible. He noted that uncertainty was common to youth and adults alike.

"It's not an understatement to say these are completely uncharted times," Brand said.

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Town of Wilmington now impacted by COVID-19

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of the contact was with the infected Wilmington residents.

Instructions for residents in quarantine can be found at <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/health-department>.

The best thing that residents can do to keep the number of residents affected by coronavirus down is continue social distancing.

"It's the best thing that we can do to flatten the

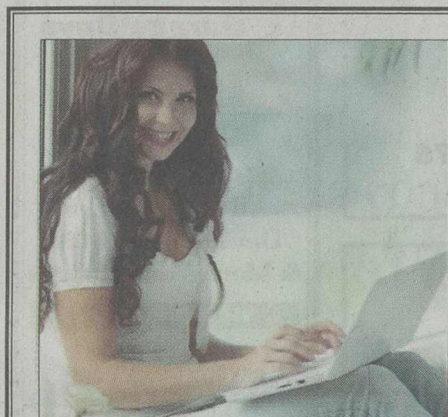
curve," Newhouse said.

Previous direction for social distancing includes avoiding large crowds, staying at least six feet away from other people, and practicing good hygiene by washing hands and staying home when you're sick.

The Board of Health said in a previous statement, "We all have personal responsibility to take care of ourselves and others, to protect ourselves and our loved ones."

There was also an emergency declaration from the board as of last Friday, which said that food service establishments, excluding grocery stores, offer only take out.

Should any more residents learn that they had been in contact with someone who tested positive, or start having symptoms that match the coronavirus, they should contact the Board of Health at 978-658-4298.



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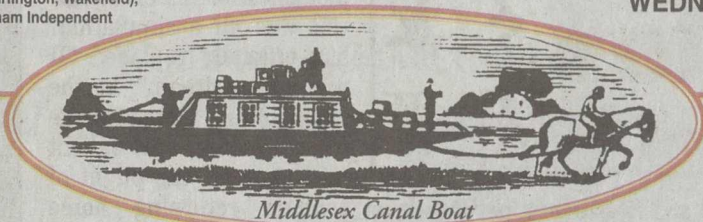
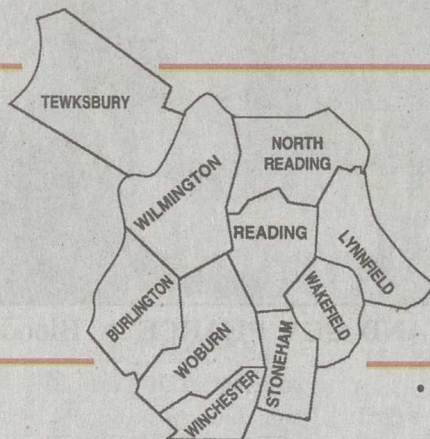
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Bread of Life continues to provide critical services to area communities

BY RYAN LAROCHE

In these trying times thanks to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), food banks and other non-profit organizations become inundated with calls for assistance as people lose jobs, income or worse, get sick. This is why it's so important for those with the ability to do so, to donate what they can, whether food, clothes or money.

One such company doing its part to less the burden, Winchester Co-operative Bank recently made a substantial donation to a local non-profit that helps local families in Winchester, Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, and North Reading.

Bread of Life, a Malden-based based non-profit food distribution organization, has been awarded a \$10,000 donation from Winchester Co-operative Bank for its capital campaign to build a new facility.

Founded in 1980, Bread of Life is a one of the largest providers and distributors of food to at risk families in the communities north of Boston. In 2019, Bread of Life served one million meals to hungry, homeless, and isolated families and individuals. Programs provided by Bread of Life include serving free evening meals four nights per week in Malden, and offering food pantry services to families residing in several communities serviced by Middlesex East: Stoneham, Wakefield, Reading, North Reading, and Winchester.

Bread of Life also delivers food to senior citizens in public housing and to at-risk teens and homeless families sheltered in local motels.

The company's mission includes "feeding the body and nurturing the soul."

They go on to note: "We strive to feed the hungry, the homeless, the needy and the isolated; to offer spiritual nurture, support and hospitality; to promote greater peace and justice by addressing broader issues of hunger, poverty and need; and to conduct our work in a spirit of respect and nonviolence."

The organization distributes approximately one million free meals per year. Just last year, Bread of Life distributed nearly 1.5 million pounds of food, 632,000 pounds of which it acquired from the Greater Boston Food Bank.

The food bank's CEO Catherine D'Amato said, "Bread of Life serves as a role model in communities north of Boston... always ready to lend support."

The non-profit says it takes pride in its ability to "meet the increasing demand for services that have resulted from the economic challenges of the past decade."

Of course, those challenges have since returned thanks to the coronavirus sweeping the globe. Even more people may now need the services of an organization like Bread of Life. Fortunately, the group also partners with local churches such as the Church of the Good Shepherd in Reading and Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Wakefield.

Bread of Life is currently working on an "Under One Roof Campaign" to build a new facility where all services can be provided in one building: kitchen, food pantries and a resource multi-service community hall. As part of the building project, 14 units of permanent affordable studio apartments for formerly homeless individuals and veterans

will be built, to be owned and operated by the nonprofit Metro North Housing Corp. The Winchester Co-operative donation will benefit the Under One Roof Campaign. In honor of the donation, part of the landscape design will be named the Winchester Co-operative Bank Greenscape.

"We are excited to partner with Winchester Co-operative Bank as we ensure that Bread of Life is able to serve more people more efficiently well into the future," said Gabriella Snyder Stelmack, Bread of Life Executive Director. "Bread of Life's work helps improve health and nutrition for thousands of low-income and struggling families."

There are some changes residents should be aware of due to Governor Charlie Baker's recent stay-at-home advisory. These changes went into effect on Friday, March 13 and will remain in effect until Tuesday, March 31 at 11:30 a.m., according to the organization's website.

They wrote: "Bread of Life is seeking to maintain a balance between keeping staff, volunteers and patrons safe



Bread of Life

Food for the body...Nurture for the soul

from virus exposure, while also getting food to our most vulnerable neighbors."

To that extent, the food pantry at 54 Eastern Ave. in Malden, which serves residents of Winchester, Stoneham, Reading, North Reading, and Wakefield, among others, will remain open on Wednesdays from 4 - 6 p.m. and Fridays from 2 - 4 p.m. The website notes hand sanitizer is available in several locations and public safety protocol information is posted.

"We have initiated an outdoor distribution to reduce or eliminate the waiting line, keep people at least six feet from each other, eliminate patrons entering our facility, and eliminate the need for people to congregate as they normally would in the hallways and waiting room. We ask people not to come if they are experiencing any symptoms of sickness, including sneezing, coughing or fever."

The Everett Food Pantry is closed until further notice.

Bread of Life continues to welcome food donations, as the Centers for Disease Control and Greater Boston Food Bank haven't suggested the US food supply is compromised by COVID-19.



WINCHESTER CO-OPERATIVE BANK HAS DONATED \$10,000 TO HELP BREAD OF LIFE - Pictured are: (l-r) Coley Carden, Vice President-Residential Lending, Winchester Co-operative Bank; Chris Chitouras, Capital Campaign Chair, Bread of Life; Gabriella Snyder Stelmack, Executive Director, Bread of Life; Laurie Leahy, Vice President-Commercial Lending, Winchester Co-operative Bank; and Patty Kelly, Development Director, Bread of Life.

"Bread of Life is happy to receive your perishable and non-perishable food donations for our food pantry at 54 Eastern Ave. in Malden, Tuesday - Friday, 12 - 5 p.m., as well as for our evening meals at First Baptist Church, corner of Main and Salem streets in Malden, Tuesday - Friday, 4 - 7 p.m."

Unfortunately, the organization won't be receiving any clothing donations at this time in order to minimize potential contact with the coronavirus.

The group also welcomes volunteers especially to its Malden Food Pantry on Wednesdays from 12 - 6 p.m. and Fridays from 12 - 5 p.m.

Some upcoming events have been postponed including a "Beer + Bites" event in Melrose and their annual golf tournament scheduled for July 27 at Mt. Hood Golf Course in Melrose.

For more information about Bread of Life and the Under One Roof Campaign, visit: www.breadoflifemalden.org.

Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Vin Diesel stars in 'Bloodshot'

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

It might be too harsh to recommend practicing social distancing with the new Vin Diesel movie "Bloodshot," but I wouldn't want to shake its hand, either.

David S. F. Wilson's film comes not from Marvel or DC but the pages of Valiant Comics. Its central character, a former soldier named Ray Garrison (Diesel), is brought back to life with nanotechnology that gives him superhuman strength

and the ability to immediately be healed by microscopic robots. He awakes to a musclemans dream, lifting enormous barbells and trading a punching bag for a concrete pillar. What could be better?

Well, the downsides include the haunting memory of the murder of Garrison's wife and the eventual realization that his creator, Dr. Emil Harting (Guy Pearce, classing up the joint), can turn him off with a switch. But when he's in action, Garrison is something like a hulking Terminator who rapidly re-assembles when shot or exploded, just without the sunglasses or snappy catch phrases.

There's a dull thud to "Bloodshot," a bruising action movie that can't equal its brawn with brains. It's a high-tech "Frankenstein" that cobbles together the sci-fi concepts of various previous movies before it. Wilson, a visual effects expert making his directorial debut, films the actions sequences in a vague, disorienting blur, sometimes slowing things down in shots of grim brutality. One, in a darkened tunnel, is shot amid a crimson glow and a clouds of powdery white (from a flour truck). Diesel doesn't bring any dramatic heft to the part but he makes a mean bullet of a man.

"Bloodshot" is, at least, a little more interesting than it initially appears. It begins to reflect back on itself, questioning what's real and what isn't. Pearce's Harting turns out to be as much a film director as a mad scientist,

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Athletes & Activities

By: Steve Algeri

MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA: The great Wilt Chamberlain played for two different franchises in Philadelphia during his playing career. Name the two?

Answer appears below:

MaxPreps will have a major say in MIAA tournaments

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The system utilizes the huge number of game results stored in the MaxPreps database. Generally, the more a team wins, the higher the ranking. However, the system takes into account quality wins (against other highly-ranked opponents) and strength of schedule.

For example, quite simply, a team's ranking is hurt more by losing to a team that is ranked below them than a team ranked ahead. It takes each result and compares it to what "should" have happened given the ratings of the teams. It knows that if Team A (a better team) played C (deemed a few notches below), Team A should have handled them fairly easily. If A lost that game, or even squeaked by with a narrow victory, its rating is hurt, while C's is helped.

Other factors that will affect the rankings are times when MaxPreps has incomplete or inaccurate information. MaxPreps says it will correct errors when they are reported. If the site is missing a score, administrators are asked to report it to MaxPreps on the team's MaxPreps page. If there is a game missing on the schedule, send a correction request.

So, let's wait and see how this goes.

NCAA extension of eligibility likely to cause ripple down affect

A bit of good news coming out of the cancellations of college seasons, specifically spring sports, was that the NCAA will extend eligibility for Division 1 players who have had their seasons canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic, the governing body announced Friday, March 13, adding that the details of the extension still must be discussed and agreed upon.

The decision essentially means that even students in their last year of eligibility — seniors and, in some instances, graduate students — will be allowed to play again next year.

Further information is scarce, and the NCAA has yet to make an official announcement regarding winter sports, such as basketball and hockey, which had to cancel its NCAA Tournaments, or Division 2 and 3 schools. Additionally, no further details were provided with regard to how this

might affect roster size and, perhaps most notably, the limited number of scholarships allotted to teams.

"Details of eligibility relief will be finalized at a later time," the announcement read. "Additional issues with NCAA rules must be addressed, and appropriate governance bodies will work through these in the coming days and weeks."

However, it feels wrong to discourage a humane instinct, but it's hard to see how this works out well.

Expanding rosters to accommodate additional eligibility for current seniors means, at a minimum, delays in development, less playing time per participant and more frustration for those forced to wait longer for an opportunity.

If it does not result in a temporary increase in scholarship limits, it will force more athletes to get by on smaller financial aid packages.

Though the desire to grant spring sports athletes a do-over for the disappointment caused by the coronavirus is unquestionably noble, unintended consequences and unanswered questions abound.

For instance:

Is the NCAA prepared to provide all spring sport athletes an extra year, or just seniors?

Will it extend the same privilege to basketball players and other winter sports athletes deprived of postseason play?

Is it prepared for a sharp increase in traffic in the transfer portal, and all the other ripples that would result from unwieldy rosters?

Will it raise scholarship limits in recognition of expanded rosters, thereby increasing costs for its membership, or compel coaches to renege on some of the financial commitments they have made to athletes and their parents?

And so on.

Area public golf courses have opened or will be opening

Although most athletic activities have been cancelled due to the coronavirus, golf appears to be one recreational sport that can be played under some precautions. Golf is offering a bit of relief from the current situation.

Most area courses have been equipped with an abundance of hand sanitizers, disinfectant wipes as well as gloves for staff handling any golf equipment. Clubs offering golf carts will be for single riders.

Unicorn in Stoneham opened last week while Woburn Country Club is expected to open Thursday, April 2.

Tewksbury Country Club and Hillview Golf Course in North Reading are also currently open.

Of course, this is a fluid situation and things are subject to change. Golfers are advised to call the golf course before going out to play.

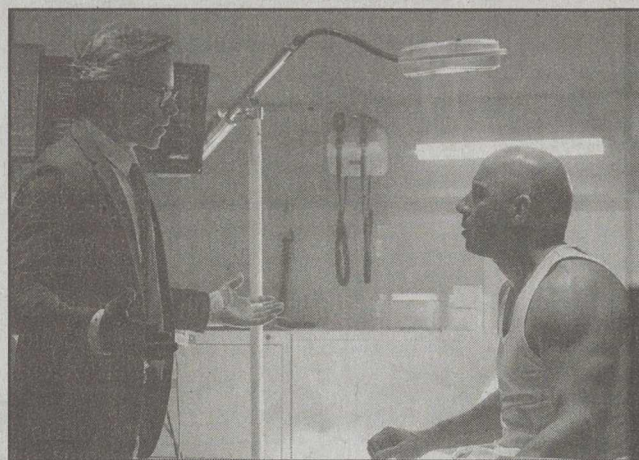
Answer to this week's question: Wilt Chamberlain played for the Philadelphia Warriors (1959-62) before the team moved to San Francisco for the 1962-63 season. Chamberlain was traded to the Philadelphia 76ers at the All-Star break in 1965.

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compiling digital worlds and plot lines for his creations. ("It was all a simulation" has officially replaced "It was all a dream" in the movies.) And there is somewhere in here a salient metaphor for the plight of soldiers returning home from war with prosthetic limbs and forced to make for themselves strange new lives.

Along the way, a few actors give it a pulse. Eiza González, as the also-enhanced KT, is compelling enough that the movie feels like it should have gravitated from Garrison to her. Lamorne Morris just about steals the movie as the brilliant but goofy coder Wilfred Wigans.

"Bloodshot" is just smart



VIN DIESEL AND GUY PEARCE in 'Bloodshot'.

enough to be more than trash, and just trashy enough to be less than smart. It will do fine if you're looking for a lesser simulation of a good movie. "Bloodshot," a Sony Pictures release, is rated PG-13

by the Motion Picture Association of America for intense sequences of violence, some suggestive material and language. Running time: 109 minutes. Two stars out of four.

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144 Winn St was sold to Berger, Shaun P and Berger, Annelise by Lewis, Linda J for \$584,000 on 03/09/20

NORTH READING

9 Chester Rd was sold to Srinivasan, Atchaya and Balu, Elango by Swanview Investments LLC for \$689,900 on 03/06/20

14 Riverside Dr was sold to Bay Flow LLC by Thurston, Marilyn for \$265,000 on 03/05/20

1 Whitcomb Way was sold to First Horizon Bank by Odonnell, Brian F and Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc for \$655,000 on 03/04/20

READING

684 Haverhill St was sold to Markos, George J by Sheerin, Katerina M and Sheerin, Kevin M for \$560,000 on 03/09/20

73 Mineral St was sold to Shamberger, Brian J and Salomone, Alanna A by Freitas, Nancy E for \$680,000 on 03/06/20

605 Summer Ave #1-69 was sold to Hellwig, Morton C and Hellwig, Jennifer P by Gagnon, Joshua T and Leandra-Gagnon, Sabrina for \$360,000 on 03/09/20

5 Washington St #D4 was sold to Jung, Sung-Yup and Hye-Wi, Shin by Castaldini FT and Castaldini, Peter for \$258,000 on 03/06/20

STONEHAM

177 Franklin St #4 was sold to Baskett, Thomas A by Chen, Yuan for \$249,000 on 03/09/20

14 Valley Rd was sold to Sclafani, Frank and Sclafani, Shannon by Carpenito, Edward J and Carpenito, Constance F for \$640,000 on 03/06/20

29 Wilson Rd was sold to Su, Seldon and Bui, Vi P by Lie, Sam E and Lie, Charlotte for \$565,000 on 03/06/20

TEWKSBURY

91 Carleton Rd was sold to Dooley, Taryn A and Ziebel-Lipitz, Hayden S by Stellson LLC for \$650,000 on 03/05/20

77 Chandler St was sold to Gennetti, James and Burke-Crowley, Cynthia by Henry&B Cas Parius FT and Casparius, Henry J for \$430,000 on 03/09/20

13 Davis Rd was sold to Winwin Properties LLC by Bello, Michael P and Bello, Terrijoan I for \$209,000 on 03/06/20

1455 Main St #13 was sold to Parke, Jonathan R and Teliska, Margaret by Colonial Landing LLC for \$449,900 on 03/09/20

1455 Main St #9 was sold to Sankaran, Anand and Ramakrishna, Harshini by Colonial Landing LLC for \$449,900 on 03/06/20

90 Patten Rd was sold to Tran, Hoanglam V by AA Real Estate Ent LLC for \$402,000 on 03/09/20

59 Randolph Dr #59 was sold to Burke, Amber and Burke, Ryan by Sallese, Matthew for \$275,000 on 03/05/20

WAKEFIELD

95 Green St was sold to Perault, Charles and Perault, Victoria by Indo Renovationj Inc for \$555,000 on 03/10/20

27 Pearl St #1 was sold to Parillo, Anthony and Parillo, Lauren by Holland, Clinton R and Holland, Anne E for \$790,000 on 03/06/20

410 Salem St #1107 was sold to Rogers, Kyle by Innamorati, Kristin for \$420,000 on 03/10/20

410 Salem St #205 was sold to MLF Properties Inc by Tare, Bledi for \$379,000 on 03/06/20

525-527 Salem St was sold to 168 Lexington Street LLC by Route 128 Salem St LLC for \$1,400,000 on 03/09/20

8 Swansea Rd was sold to North Shore Business Sltm by Leard Leith H Est and Kuehl, Gayle A for \$440,000 on 03/04/20

WILMINGTON

31 Nathan Rd was sold to Gillen, Kelly and Scholler, Daniel by Raso, Joseph and Raso, Barbara E for \$529,900 on 03/06/20

7 Oakridge Cir was sold to Mulrenan, John by Oakridge Circle RT and Paolucci, Gary J for \$423,000 on 03/05/20

WINCHESTER

5 Briarwood Ln was sold to Vita, Philip J and Vita, Amanda by New Vision RT LLC for \$1,750,000 on 03/05/20

15 Canterbury Rd was sold to Yang, Katelyn and Yang, Jesse X by Vita, Philip J for \$1,330,000 on 03/05/20

49 Florence St was sold to Carmelo Holdings LLC by Jennings, Patricia J for \$458,000 on 03/10/20

19 George Rd #19 was sold to Zhou, Yanling and Lin, Liqin by Johnson, James A for \$475,000 on 03/10/20

21 George Rd #21 was sold to Lin, Liqin and Zhou, Yanling by Johnson, James A for \$424,900 on 03/10/20

5 Gershon Way #5 was sold to Omalley, Terrence and Winthrop, Elsa by BEK Winchester Winning for \$1,200,000 on 03/10/20

10 Hill St was sold to US Bank NA Tr by Laurila, Inga J and US Bank NA for \$898,636 on 03/04/20

31-39 Holton St was sold to 35 Holton Street LLC by 35 Holton Street LLC for \$5,000,000 on 03/09/20

571 Washington St was sold to Larson, Stephan and Larson, Amy by Sammarco, Derek J and Griffin-Sammarco, Jane for \$815,000 on 03/04/20

WOBURN

27 Bryant St was sold to Brito, Rogeria by Winfield, Cynthia L and Winfield, Phyllis for \$388,000 on 03/04/20

39-73 Dragon Ct was sold to NM BYD LLC by Boyd Corp Inc for \$23,864,880 on 03/10/20

Dragon Ct #1 was sold to NM BYD LLC by Boyd Corp Inc for \$23,864,880 on 03/10/20

Florence Ter #2 was sold to NM BYD LLC by Boyd Corp Inc for \$23,864,880 on 03/10/20

80 Holton St was sold to 80 Holton Property Owner by 80 Holton Street LLC for \$3,025,000 on 03/05/20

16 Lakeview Ter was sold to Burke, Ryan W and Ponticelli, Sara J by Ibrahim, Krenar for \$665,000 on 03/06/20

299 Lexington St #50 was sold to DeLucia, Brenda A by Shannon Farm Dev LLC for \$271,300 on 03/06/20

299 Lexington St #96 was sold to Chen, Zhouxiang and Zhang, Linfei by Shannon Farm Dev LLC for \$717,900 on 03/05/20

299 Lexington St #97 was sold to Gilmartin, Justin and Liu, Ruby by Shannon Farm Dev LLC for \$759,900 on 03/06/20

9 Naples Ave was sold to Hoemberger, Marc S and Nguyen, Vy H by Valente IRT and Nofall, Cynthia M for \$586,000 on 03/06/20

LYNNFIELD

154 Chestnut St was sold to EP FT and Bruzzese, Dantre A by Chestnut Street RT and Touchette, Michael for \$1,200,000 on 03/04/20

33 Doncaster Cir was sold to Alsadiq, Salam and Alshubbar, Abdulla by Nastari, Edward A and Nastari, Adriana D for \$710,000 on 03/06/20

44 Partridge Ln #44 was sold to Mamabear RT and Dipietro, Kerry by Cava RT and Crowley, Matthew J for \$430,000 on 03/05/20

18 Pinecrest Ave was sold to AKC Defuria-Carangelo LLC by Carangelo, Anna M for \$135,740 on 03/05/20

8 Smith Farm Trl was sold to Nastari, Adriana and Nastari, Edward by Tetrault, Gail S and Tetrault, Michael J for \$882,000 on 03/06/20

13 Underhill Rd was sold to Fleming, Debra A and Fleming, Joseph R by RT Rosa RT and Gill-Rosa, Terri S for \$540,000 on 03/04/20

20 Vokes Ter was sold to Pham, Khuong V and Pham, Saravy by Petrucci Wayne A Est and Petrucci, Samantha for \$360,000 on 03/05/20



HomeNewsHere RECIPE

SLOW-COOKER SALISBURY STEAK MEATBALLS

STEPS

1. Spray 5- or 6-quart oval slow cooker with cooking spray. Mix melted butter, tomato paste and salt in slow cooker. Add onions and mushrooms; toss to coat. Stir in broth.

2. In large bowl, mix beef, bread crumbs, milk, egg, grill seasoning and soy sauce. Shape into about 24 (1 1/2-inch) meatballs. Place meatballs in slow cooker on top of vegetable mixture.

3. Cover; cook on Low heat setting 3 to 4 hours or until meatballs are thoroughly cooked (165°F); stir. In small bowl, beat cornstarch and cold water. Quickly stir into slow cooker; cover.

Increase to High heat setting; cook 5 to 10 minutes or until thickened. Serve over mashed potatoes. Sprinkle with parsley.

EXPERT TIPS

Dampen hands slightly when shaping these tender meatballs to help prevent sticking.

Betty Crocker™ mashed potatoes really make these easy slow-cooker meatballs into a meal. We liked the creamy butter flavor with these meatballs, but the roasted garlic flavor would be great, too.

NUTRITION FACTS

Serving Size: 1 Serving
Calories: 280
Calories from Fat: 120
Total Fat: 13g 20%
Saturated Fat: 5g 26%
Trans Fat: 0g



Ingredients

2 tablespoons butter, melted
1 tablespoon organic tomato paste
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups thinly sliced onions
8 oz mushrooms, thinly sliced (about 3 cups)
1 cup Progresso™ beef flavored broth (from 32-oz carton)
1 lb lean (at least 80%) ground beef
1/2 cup Progresso™ plain panko crispy bread crumbs
1/3 cup milk
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 tablespoon Montreal steak grill seasoning
1 tablespoon soy sauce
2 tablespoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons cold water
1 pouch (4.7 oz) Betty Crocker™ creamy butter mashed potatoes, made as directed on pouch
2 tablespoons of chopped fresh Italian (flat-leaf) parsley



Rick Cooke chats with four successful TMHS Coaches

We need these Tewksbury memories now

By RICK COOKE
Sports correspondent

rcooke1717@yahoo.com
TEWKSBURY- When you are smack in the middle of something called 'social distancing' and your own mortality is knocking at your door with the worst possible outcome of the worldwide pandemic called COVID-19 rattling around your brain, you can do one of two things-find the nearest closet or run to the comfort of family and friends.

In my case it has helped to not only take care of the person that I love, but to also dig down deep into my mountains of music, books, tape recorded interviews and two filing cabinets stuffed with old Town Crier clippings. Captain Larz Neilson, founder and publisher of the town's first newspaper, the Wilmington/Tewksbury Town Crier, would be proud of me. I've finally succeeded in making a mess of my tiny space that I call an office in the Charlestown Navy Yard. There are boxes of stuff everywhere. Scraps of paper and photographs that I can't find buried somewhere on the dining room table. All I need is for someone to invade my space so I can remind them that I'm writing. Leave me alone! Can't you see that I'm trying to remember something? At this point having someone invade my space might not be such a good thing for a number of reasons. Such is life in what will be forever known as the Age of COVID-19.

All of those memories and taped interviews came in handy today. If ever there was a time to look back at some lost or forgotten conversations with people that I care about, this was it. There is no time like the present. I always hated that phrase. But in the middle of a pandemic I will take comfort anywhere I can find it. I found some of that comfort in a series of conversations that I had a few months ago with four of most successful coaches in the history of Tewksbury High School. I wanted to speak to these four men about the difference between the TMHS athlete of today and years ago. What I found was a whole lot about what makes Tewksbury a community that will come together and take care of not only their families, but neighbors, long lost friends, even strangers.

In this age of COVID-19, I took comfort in knowing that friends that I don't speak with often will be

OK. Tewksbury will step up. Tewksbury cares. There is no doubt about that. 'Tewksbury Tough' will be more important than ever now. That toughness will surely be tested. For days. For weeks. For months. Quite possibly for many years.

So earlier this week, I listened to those taped conversations. I finally found photographs of the four coaches with family and friends. In every photograph there were smiles. When I found those photographs I smiled too. When I transcribed the notes of those conversations it helped me to embrace the good thoughts and memories of my 20 plus years as Sports Editor of the Town Crier. This memory stuff really means a lot to me. Especially now. Especially today when I'm not feeling well. There is that ever growing stress of the unknown. There is comfort in listening to these voices from my past again.

Ernie Lightfoot

Tewksbury owes a big debt of gratitude to Ernie Lightfoot for his work with the town making sure that the fields and facilities were in the best possible condition for many years. Lightfoot was also instrumental in the development of the Tewksbury Pop Warner football program and was Coach Bob Aylward's right hand man for many years coaching football in Tewksbury and Nashua. Ernie has never been shy about offering up an opinion. For years he warned people about starting up a conversation with me. "Watch out for him," was the warning. "He never uses a notebook, and he remembers everything you say."

These days Ernie just reminds me to turn the tape recorder off. This time there was never a need to hit the off button. Ernie was the perfect guy to begin my look back at the Tewksbury athlete of years ago.

"Obviously the coaching staffs over the years have changed," Lightfoot began. "But the kids never change, and that's what it's all about. I think that the kids have always had that 'Tewksbury Tough' attitude. I think that the Tewksbury kids take directions well. I think that the football program is as strong as its ever been. I don't mean in just wins and losses either. These kids are really fine guys when you talk to them. They are humble. I like that."

Obviously the Aylward family has had a big impact on that."

Bob McCabe

Bob McCabe has won a lot a hockey games in Tewksbury over the years and is a TMHS Hall of Famer. Quirky and not afraid to let you know how he feels about any given situation, it's a given that McCabe loves the TMHS athlete. There is a natural inclination for McCabe to look back at the players he coached with great affection. Its comes through in this conversation.

"I think that the athlete of yesteryear had lot more interest in the one sport that they were good at. Back then you had more single sport athletes. Nowadays they are playing multi sports. With all of the outside distractions, I don't see how a boy or girl could be as dedicated as they were years ago. I wish some of them could get it in their heads that their high school years are the best years of their lives. It's a one way street. You can't go back. I know. I'm turning 80-years-old this year. You look at the high school parking lot. They are all driving nice cars. Someone has to pay for those cars. All of these athletes are working a job to make those car payments."

Coach McCabe sees that as a whole new world. He does miss the good old days. Can't say that I blame him. I guess its all part of a good memory. McCabe is still involved with Tewksbury sports and watches many games at the high school. The young people are blessed that Bob is still around to share those memories.

Jim Sullivan Jr.

Jim Sullivan the son has also been a big influence on TMHS athletes over the years both in and out of the classroom. His dad Jim Sr. has been a big influence, with good reason. Young Jim isn't so young anymore and is raising two sons himself. He coached basketball and is currently the varsity golf coach at Tewksbury High School. His perspective on the past and the future of TMHS athletes is rock-solid.

"These days it's not just about one sport at a time," says Sullivan. "It's more about multiple sports at the same time. I don't think that the kids are any different today. I just think that they are trying more to stay up



Ernie Lightfoot with his daughter Jen.

(courtesy photo).

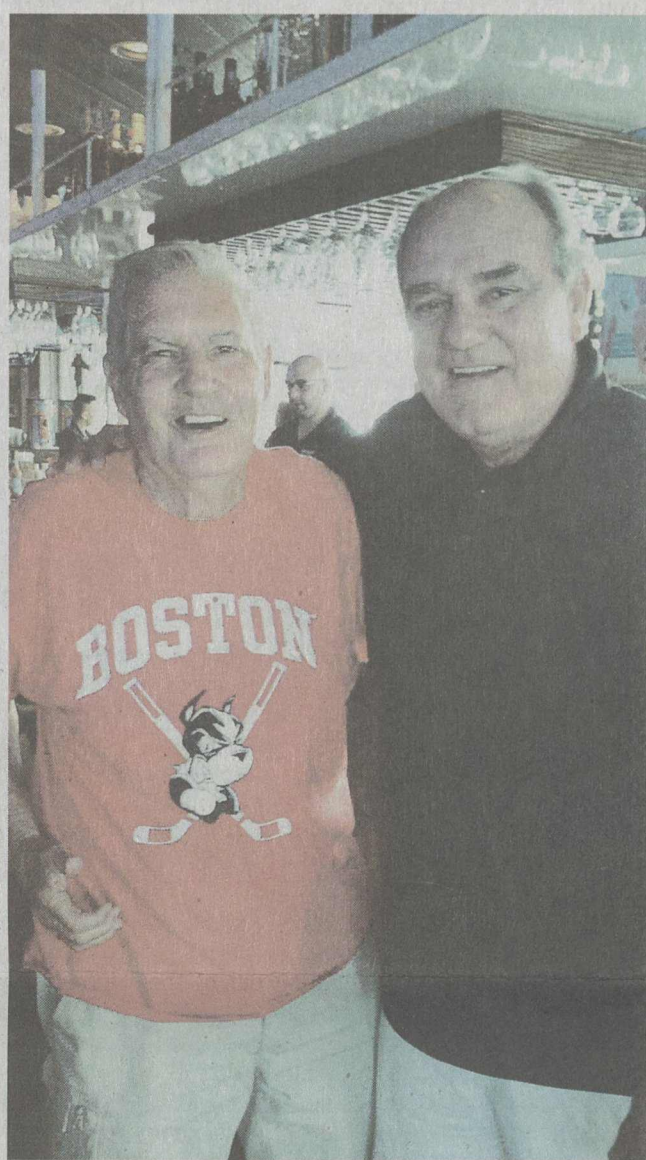
with everybody else in each sport. I'm more prone to the three sport athlete. My son is involved in three sports as a freshman. He wants to be able to compete with other kids his age at the high school level.

"As a dad, I think it's great, but I think that for a lot of kids. I don't know if every kid can handle it. As a coach, it's really hard, because you want your kids to be focused on your sport at the time you are coaching that sport. I understand that at Tewksbury High School we need three sport athletes. We can't have a lot of kids focusing on one sport at one time. It's a hard mix. And it's not only athletes that we are talking about. These kids need to be focused on academics first."

Leo DiRocco

Leo DiRocco is a Hall of Fame coach and really made his mark coaching the perennial champion TMHS girls' softball team. He has been involved in youth sports as well, and has coached with his son Todd, another TMHS Hall of Famer. Some of my most memorable conversations over the years have been with Leo and Todd. These guys are all Tewksbury all the time. And Leo isn't afraid to offer an opinion. These days he's retired, but he still attends many Tewksbury High School sporting events. This year I've hooked up with Leo at football, basketball and hockey games. It was just like old times.

"The kids haven't changed that much. But I

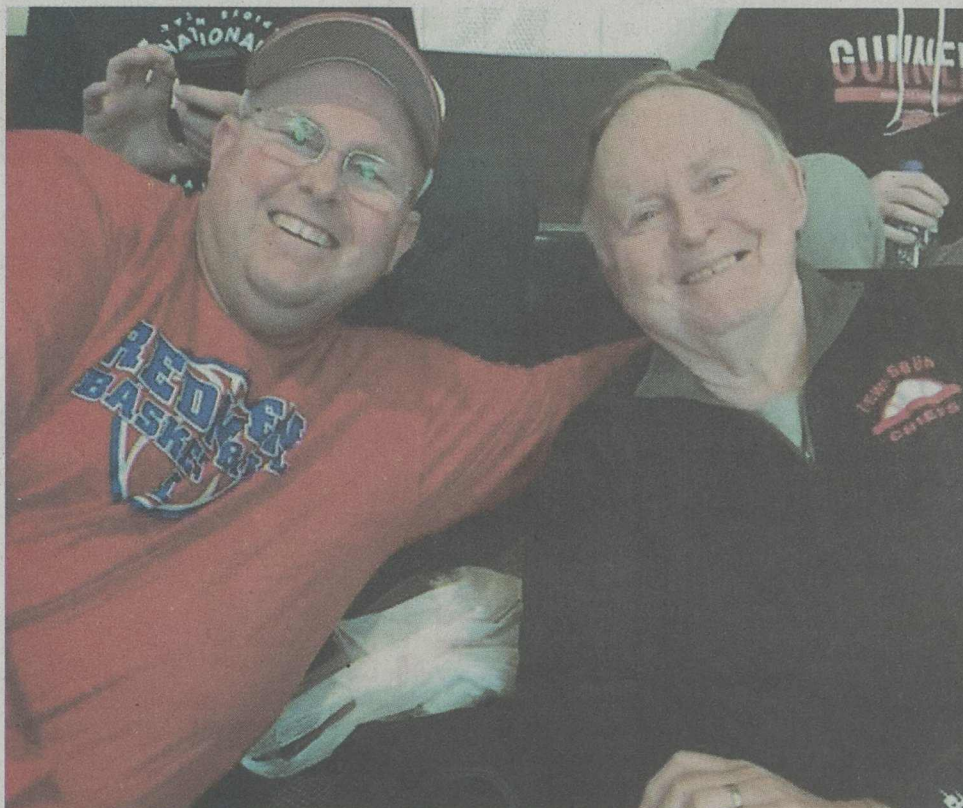


Bob McCabe with his best friend Bob Aylward.

(file photo).

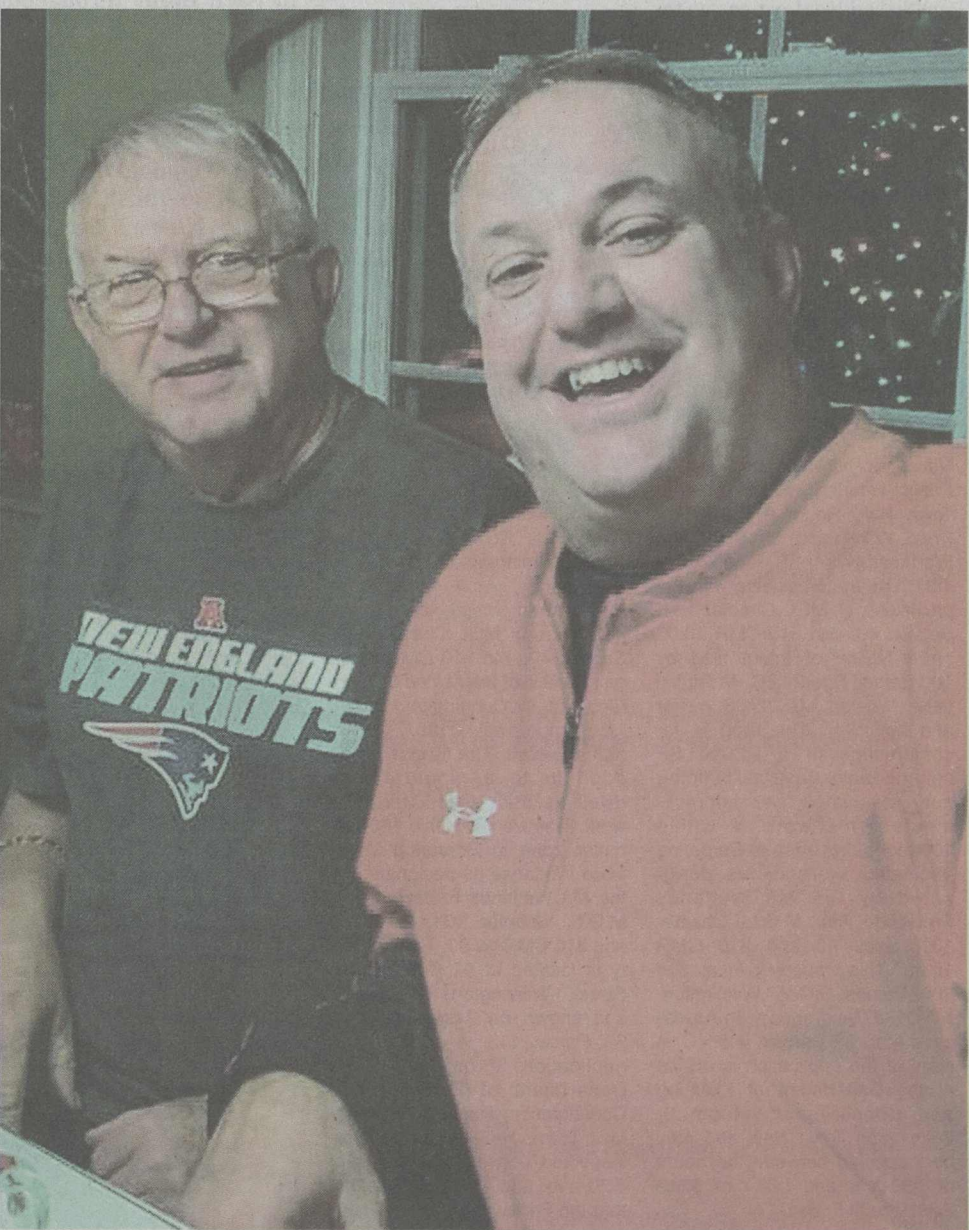
think the parents glorify these kids and they think that when they come up from the Pop Warner of whatever, that their kid will be the star of the game, and it's a team sport. Some of them don't realize that their expectations are out of whack. I used to tell them that we were getting their kids ready to play at the high

school." And they were always ready. Boy, do I miss Leo. I'm lucky that I still have all of these tapes and Town Crier clippings. Now I've got plenty of time to sit back and cherish all of these memories. Thanks Tewksbury. Stay safe.



The two Sully's enjoying life and some basketball.

(courtesy photo).



Leo and Todd DiRocco have coached together and enjoyed great success.

(courtesy photo).

Tenth annual Forte Memorial Event will be a virtual 5K

On April 26, 2020, We're One Wilmington (WOW) was set to host its 10th and final 5K Run for Wilmington / Kim Forte Walk. Since our first communication, circumstances have changed quite a bit. The pandemic and need for social distancing has caused us to re-evaluate holding the road race as usual. After much deliberation, we have decided to turn the race into a "Virtual 5K."

What is a Virtual 5K? In a Virtual 5K, runners and walkers complete the 5K distance wherever and whenever they'd like between April 19th and April 26th - walk or run, outside or on the treadmill, in the morning or in the evening. All registered participants will be delivered their race packet and 2020 T-shirt in the weeks following the race.

In this time of uncertainty, the need within our community will surely be greater than ever. With your 5K registration, WOW can continue the tradition of supporting local individuals and families during these most difficult times - not to mention it's a great opportunity to get out and enjoy the spring weather while doing some good!

We can all use a little fun these days and we have lots planned to add extra excitement to the WOW Virtual 5K! We'll be giving out prizes across various categories for registered runners/walkers who email or upload photos of their participation - think drawings for family participation, best costume, oldest/youngest participants, farthest from Wilmington and more!

If you are on social media be sure to use the hashtag #WOWVirtual5K on your posts so we see them and everyone can follow along.

We've got Two Cousins DJ and Karaoke preparing a special WOW Virtual 5K Spotify playlist to keep you entertained during the race. We encourage past participants to wear a previous years' race shirt to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of this community event.

How do I register? We hope we've convinced you to join the fun! Register online by visiting our website at www.onewilmington.org. Remember to please walk or run by yourself or with immediate family only. Keep our communities safe by following social distance guidelines that have been put into place.

We hope to see you virtually April 19-26th!

Sponsors are welcome! The need within our community as a result of the pandemic will be greater than ever. We understand that sponsorship may be difficult at this time. No sponsorship level is too small. Rates and benefits can be found on our website at <http://onewilmington.org/events/5k-road-race/sponsorship/>.

If you aren't in a position to be a cash sponsor, in-kind donations of gift cards are more than welcome for our prize drawings.

Note: T-shirt level sponsorships must be received by April 7th to guarantee inclusion on the race shirts.



A year ago, Emma Garrity was a league and Division 4 State Champion and recently, she broke the school record in the 5,000 meters at Bryant University and those efforts helped her land on the NEC All-Conference team. (courtesy photo/BU).

Garrity named to NEC All-Conference team

The Bryant University indoor track and field duo of senior Emily Cluck (Johnson City, N.Y.) and freshman Emma Garrity (Wilmington, Mass.) represented the Bulldogs with NEC All-Conference honors as announced Thursday by the conference office.

Cluck earned All-First Team honors for the second-straight year in the 400-meters when she not only set a new school record at Bryant but a new championship meet record of 54.72 to defend her 400-meter title.

Garrity was named to the All-Rookie squad after becoming the top rookie finisher in the 500-meters. Garrity finished just outside the top three in fourth place at the NEC Indoor Championship with a time of 1:16.71. The finish also marked a new school record at Bryant.



Tewksbury's Lily Robinson named to Atlantic-10 All-Rookie Team

University of track-and-field freshman Massachusetts women's Lily Robinson, of Tewksbury, has been named to the 2020 Atlantic-10 Women's Indoor Track-and-Field All-Rookie team recently. The teams are comprised of the top rookie finishers in each event throughout the season.

Robinson posted the top 5,000 meter time among all Atlantic-10 rookies during the 2020 indoor campaign, running a time of 17:32.01 to finish sixth at the New England Championships back on January 31st.

WYSA to award five scholarships

The Wilmington Youth Soccer Association (WYSA) is proud to announce five scholarships will be awarded this year. Each of the scholarships will be for \$1,000.00. The scholarship program is open to all graduating seniors who have participated in the WYSA soccer program. Each candidate must submit all the following items:

- A completed application (with additional sheets, if needed) signed by the applicant;
- A copy of the applicant's High School transcript which includes grades at mid-year of the Senior Year;
- One letter of recommendation from a non-relative who is a resident of Wilmington or school-teacher or administrator.

An essay (1 to 2 pages) describing both 1) the impact of participating in the WYSA program has had on you and 2) describe in detail the volunteer activities you performed for WYSA and the impact you had on WYSA.

Scholarship applications are available at the Wilmington High School's guidance department or under the 'Association/Scholarship' section of the WYSA website: www.WilmingtonYouthSoccer.org.

Completed applications and materials must be received (postmarked or emailed) no later than Friday May 8, 2020 to be eligible. The above referenced items should be emailed to the email address: VPAdministration@wilmingtonyouthsoccer.org Or mailed via USPS to: WYSA - Scholarship 2020, PO Box 107 Wilmington MA 01887.



The WHS JV Girls Basketball team recently finished up their season. The team includes front row from left, Samantha Papastathis, Cassidy Smith, Bella Romano, Anabelle Cook and Alessia Puccio; back row from left, Carorlyn HaasTimm, Sara Grey, Emily Watson, Sofia Scalfani and Kali Almeida. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 7:35 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Notice of Intent filed by 100 Eames Street LLC, 44 Ripley Lane, Weston, MA 02493, owner and applicant. The filing is for construction of a 44,000 SF commercial/industrial building and associated site improvements. This work is within 100-foot buffer zone to Boring Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is located at 100 Eames Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 38 Parcels 4 & 4C. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning and Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Donald Pearson, Chair
Conservation Commission
200347 3/25/20

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Donald Pearson, Chair
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Recently, the Tewksbury Squirt AA Youth Hockey team captured the state championship title. (courtesy photo).

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**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing **April 1, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Kazanjian Enterprises, Inc. for a Notice of Intent to construct a 4,294 SF retail building with associated parking area, utilities, and stormwater management system. Proposed work is located within the buffer zone of the bordering vegetated wetlands. Said Property is located at **2512 Main Street, Map 94 Lot 65.**

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x255), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stefania Gallo
Conservation Agent/
Planner
200355 3/25/20

LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 7:45 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a Notice of Intent filed by Lisa Fossella, 9 Towpath Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner and applicant. The filing is for regrading of the rear yard. This work is within 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is located at 9 Towpath Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 28 Parcel 32. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning and Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Donald Pearson, Chair
Conservation Commission
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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
CONCERNING

AdviniaCare at Wilmington

AdviniaCare at Wilmington, located at 90 West Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts, intends to file an application with the Department of Public Health to complete renovations to the existing facility. An evaluation of the facility identified key renovations that need to be made to provide an enhanced environment for residents and caregivers; to upgrade the mechanical and electrical systems; and to improve the quality of care and quality of life for existing and future residents. The main goals are to improve floors, walls, ceilings, and lights; to improve air conditioning capacity and performance; to improve ambulance entrances; to upgrade interior finishes; to install a new nurse call system and locks for dementia care units; to turn the existing courtyard into a "rehab" courtyard with improved walks and bridges; and to make exterior improvements such as landscaping and new signage. The Applicant does not anticipate any price or service impacts on the Applicant's existing patient panel as a result of the application. The estimated capital expenditures for this project is \$4,087,000 (March 2020 dollars). Any ten taxpayers of the Commonwealth may register in connection with the application no later than April 30, 2020 or 30 days from the filing date, whichever is later, by contacting the Department of Public Health Determination of Need Program, Attention Program Director, 250 Washington Street, 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02108. The application may be inspected at such address.

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LEGAL NOTICE



**COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT**

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI20P0668EA

Estate of:
Frank Joseph Killilea, Jr.
Also Known As:
Frank J. Killilea, Jr.
Date of Death:
November 20, 2019

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Katherine K. Killilea of Wilmington MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Katherine K. Killilea of Wilmington MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

200357 3/25/20

LEGAL NOTICE

Deadline to place a legal notice for Wednesday's edition is
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LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, and 310 CMR 10.00 on a request to Amend the Order of Conditions DEP File #344-1445, requested by The Lunetta Irrevocable Trust, 2 Nunn Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner and applicant. The filing is for relocation of the proposed septic system and related site work. This work is within 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is located at 2 Nunn Road, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 51 Parcel 86. A copy of the application is on file at the Department of Planning and Conservation, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Donald Pearson, Chair
Conservation Commission
200346 3/25/20

LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD**

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 7, 2020 at 8:15 p.m. in the Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #20-04 and Stormwater Management Permit #20-04, plan entitled, "Site Plan Review Documents, Gerrity Stone, 100 Eames Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887", dated March 12, 2020, prepared by Gregory R. Corcoran, P.L.S., Dana F. Perkins, 1057 East Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876; and Lawrence C. Greene, Jr., R.L.A. and Brian R. Marchetti, P.E., McCarty Engineering, Inc., 42 Jungle Road, Leominster, MA 01435; for the property located at 100 Eames Street and shown on Assessor's Map 38 Parcels 4 & 4C. The proposed project is to construct a 44,000 square foot commercial/industrial building with associated site improvements.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Department of Planning & Conservation and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
200325 3/18,25/20

LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY,
MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS
ROADWAY RESURFACING
CONTRACT PW-20-16**

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for **TOWN OF TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ROADWAY RESURFACING CONTRACT PW-20-16**, will be received by the Town of Tewksbury at the Department of Public Works office, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876, **until 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, April, 9 2020** at that time and place Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. In the event the DPW offices are closed due to inclement weather, the bid opening will be postponed until the next day the DPW offices are open.

The total contract price of this contract shall consist of furnishing all labor, tools, equipment and materials necessary for the complete and satisfactory performance as determined in the sole discretion of the Town.

A MassDOT pre-qualification certificate of approval will be required to bid on the Contract. Contract Documents are available after 1:00 p.m. local time on **Thursday, March 12, 2020** by going to www.projectdog.com, entering **Project Code 837512** in the project locator box, and following the prompts to a free downloadable bid set. Contact www.projectdog.com or call 978-499-9014 for distribution questions. No monetary deposit is required to obtain the documents. Contract Documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the DPW office during the following hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Each Bid shall be submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in form of a certified check, cashier's check or security bond in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid.

This contract has been written in conformance with the **Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES DATED 2020 Edition**. Additional supplemental specifications have been added where applicable and will govern in the contract.

Bidders may not withdraw their Bids for a period of 45 days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, after the actual date of the opening of the Bids. Complete instructions for filing Bids are included in the Instructions to Bidders.

Minimum Wage Rates as determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development under the provision of the M.G.L. c.149, §26 to 27D, as amended, apply to this project. It is the responsibility of the Contractor, before Bid Opening to request, if necessary, any additional information on Minimum Wage Rates for those trades' people who may be employed for the proposed work under this Contract.

The Bidding and Award of this Contract will be pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30, § 39M. The Owner reserves the right, in its absolute and sole discretion, to waive any informality in or to reject any or all Bids if deemed to be in its best interest.

RICHARD A. MONTUORI
TOWN MANAGER
TEWKSBURY,
MASSACHUSETTS
200315 3/18,25/20

LEGAL NOTICE



**COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT**

Middlesex Probate
and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI20P1262EA

Estate of:
Shirley A. Scott
Also known as:
Shirley A. Hunnewell Scott
Date of Death: 02/03/2020

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Karen L. Colby of Lynnfield MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Karen L. Colby of Lynnfield MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/08/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If

you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 09, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
200358 3/25/20

LEGAL NOTICE



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FAMILY COURT**

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI20P1340EA

Estate of:
John R. Gallant
Also known as:
John Roland Gallant
Date of Death: 09/09/2019

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Susan Mathurin of Tewksbury MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Susan Mathurin of Tewksbury MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 11, 2020

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
200339 3/25/20



LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

Notice of Planning Board Hearing
Relative to
Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendments
Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, Section 5

The Planning Board of the Town of Tewksbury will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning By-Laws, as submitted for the May 4, 2020 and May 6, 2020 Annual Town Meeting. The public hearing will be held as follows:

Place: **Town of Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA**
Date: **Monday, April 13, 2020**
Time: **7:00 p.m.**

The subject matter of the proposed amendments is indicated below. The complete text relative to the proposed amendments is available for inspection during regular business hours at the following locations: Town Clerk's Office and Community Development Office, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA and the Town's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov.

Article

To recodify, and therefore amend, the Zoning By-Law to make the By-Law easier for users to navigate, simplify and update its language, and provide a better structure for predictability and flexibility in both the interests of current use and future adaptability, by:

1. Re-organizing, re-positioning, re-captioning, and re-numbering portions of the Zoning By-Law to enhance accessibility and adaptability;
2. updating and clarifying the purpose and authority of the Zoning By-Law to clearly state the Town's legal and factual premises for zoning regulations;
3. improving definitions to more clearly describe zoning districts, uses, and requirements;
4. providing consistency with present State law;
5. eliminating redundant or unnecessary provisions; making amendments such as correcting spelling and typographical errors, and eliminating or updating outdated statutory references;
6. revising, re-organizing and clarifying Zoning By-Law administrative provisions;
7. Reducing number of overlay districts;
8. Strengthening design guidelines in the Town Center District;
9. Adding new definitions;
10. Adding site plan review;
11. Adding request for reasonable accommodations;
12. Adding recreational marijuana establishments excluding retail;
13. Mandating 15% affordable housing in multi-family developments;
14. Capping multi-family developments to seven units per acre except in the Town Center and Mixed Use Business District; and
15. Updating the sign section of the By-Law.

and by taking the following actions:

1. Deleting in their entirety the following provisions and all their subparts of the existing Zoning By-Law:

Section 1000.	Purpose and Authority;
Section 2000.	Districts;
Section 3000.	Use Regulations;
Section 4000.	Dimensional Regulations;
Section 5000.	General Regulations;
Section 6000.	Special Regulations;
Section 7000.	Special Residential Regulations;
Section 8000.	Overlay Districts;
Section 9000.	Administration and Procedures;
Section 10000.	Definitions;
Appendix A.	Table of Use Regulations;
Appendix B.	Table of Dimensional Requirements
Appendix C.	Table of Parking Requirements.

2. Substituting the following provisions and their subparts in the zoning article submitted by the Zoning By-Law Committee on file in the office of the Town Clerk and the Department of Planning and Community Development:

Section 1	Purpose and Authority;
Section 2	Definitions;
Section 3	Administration and Enforcement;
Section 4	Establishment of Districts;
Section 5	District Regulations;
Section 6	Site Development Standards;
Section 7	Special Use Regulations;
Section 8	Other Development Regulations;
Appendix A	Table of Uses.

3. And by taking any action related thereto.

Article

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Tewksbury Zoning Map dated January 2020 by replacing it with the Town of Tewksbury Draft Proposed Zoning Map dated 2020.

THE TEWKSBURY PLANNING BOARD
Stephen Johnson, Chair
200328 3/18,25/20

James Taylor, wife donate \$1M to help fight virus pandemic

BOSTON (AP) — James Taylor and his wife, Kim, have donated \$1 million to Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston to support the fight against the spread of the coronavirus.

The gift announced Tuesday will support the hospital's Emergency Response Fund, established in response to the Boston Marathon bombing in 2013 to provide flexible resources that can be deployed quickly to support immediate needs.

The money will help the hospital direct resources where the need is greatest, whether for purchasing supplies and equipment, repurposing space, or furthering research, the hospital said in a statement.

Taylor, 72, has deep ties to the hospital. His father, Dr. Isaac Taylor, completed his residency in internal medicine, served as chief resident and conducted research there. James Taylor was born there in 1948.

Kim Taylor has served on the board of the MassGeneral Hospital for Children for the past five years.

"There is no question that it's a point of pride for New Englanders to claim the MGH as their hospital — our hospital — and this is especially true today with the threat coming from a new and insidious virus," James Taylor, who lives in the Berkshire Mountains in western Massachusetts, said in a statement. "Kim and I want to be part of this fight. We have been so inspired by the courage and sacrifice of the health care heroes in the trenches who are working so hard to pro-

tect us all."

Hospital President Dr. Peter Slavin called the gift a morale boost.

"The Taylors have long provided comfort and hope through music, and this latest gift embodies that same sense of humanity and sends a heartening message to our staff that their efforts are appreciated, and they are not in this fight alone," he said.

PLASTIC BAGS OK

Some Massachusetts communities, including Boston and Cambridge, have lifted their bans on plastic shopping bags in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

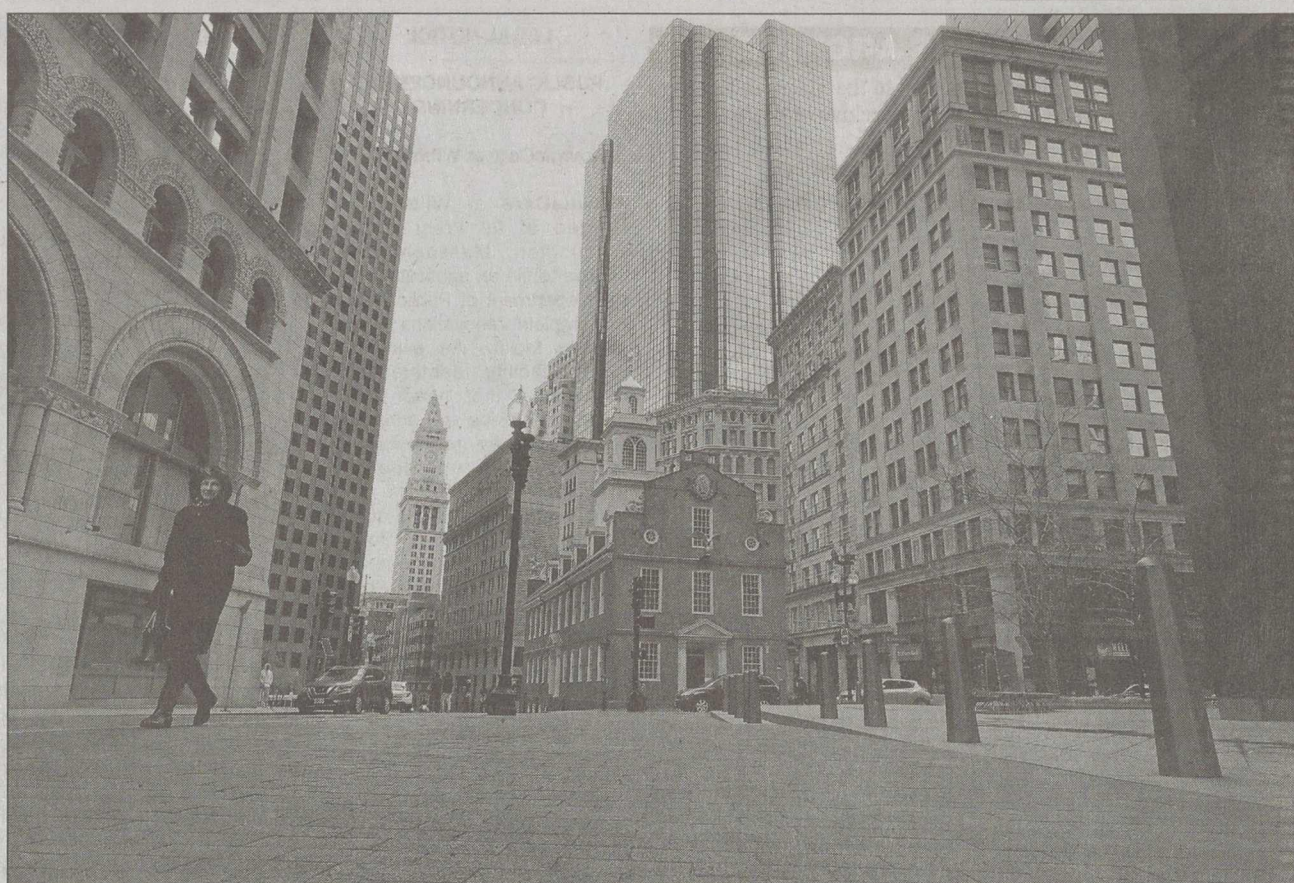
There has been concern about reusable bags spreading the virus that causes the disease COVID-19.

"During this challenging time, we understand the retail establishments our residents rely on — like grocery stores, pharmacies, and restaurants — need added flexibility to best serve their customers," Boston Mayor Marty Walsh said Wednesday.

Boston's ban on the single-use bags took effect in December 2018 and was intended to reduce pollution.

ABOUT THE VIRUS

For most people, the virus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia, or death. The vast majority of people recover.



A PASSER-BY WALKS a nearly empty sidewalk near the Old State House, center, in downtown Boston, Tuesday, March 24, 2020. Many people are working from home in the state, while many businesses have closed indefinitely out of concern about the spread of the coronavirus.

(AP PHOTO/STEVEN SENNE)

Number of COVID-19 deaths rises to 11 in Mass.

BOSTON (AP) — The number of people in Massachusetts who have died from COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, increased to 11 on Tuesday.

Public health officials said the number of residents who have so far tested positive for the disease jumped to 1,159 as the state ramped up its testing capacity. More than 13,700 have been tested.

It's a dramatic increase from the total of 777 reported on Monday. At least 94 people have been hospitalized.

HARVARD PRESIDENT

The president of Harvard University and his wife have tested positive for COVID-19, the school announced Tuesday.

In a letter to students and faculty, President Lawrence Bacow said he and his wife, Adele, started experiencing symptoms including a cough, fever and chills on Sunday. They were tested Monday and received the positive results on Tuesday.

Bacow and his wife had been working from home and limiting their contact with others since March 14 as a precaution. The state's Department of Public Health will contact anyone who had recently been in contact with the couple, Bacow said.

"We will be taking the

time we need to rest and recuperate during a two-week isolation at home," Bacow said in the letter.

Harvard said 18 of its community members have tested positive for COVID-19 or are presumed to have the illness. The school shut down much of its campus March 17.

FRUSTRATION WITH CONGRESS

Gov. Charlie Baker said he was frustrated Tuesday by the failure of the U.S. Senate to approve coronavirus aid legislation.

"The debate around the economic aid package in the Senate — well, frankly, it's been appalling. But I can't say I'm surprised," Baker said during a press conference.

Baker said Congress should follow the lead of governors, mayors and local officials who have put aside partisan differences.

"Make a deal," the Republican said. "I think it's critical that these folks find a way to yes."

Baker defended the decision to allow construction to continue in Massachusetts saying he plans to issues guidelines soon. He also said that his office is working with Attorney General Maura Healey to create social distancing guidance for grocery stores.

JAILS AND PRISONS

Public defenders and

defense attorneys in Massachusetts are asking the state's highest court to order the release of certain inmates to limit the spread of the coronavirus in jails and prisons.

An emergency petition filed with the Supreme Judicial Court Tuesday

asks the justices to reduce the number of people entering jails and prisons, order the release of certain pretrial detainees and free those serving sentences who are nearing the end of their term, vulnerable to COVID-19 or don't pose a threat to the public.

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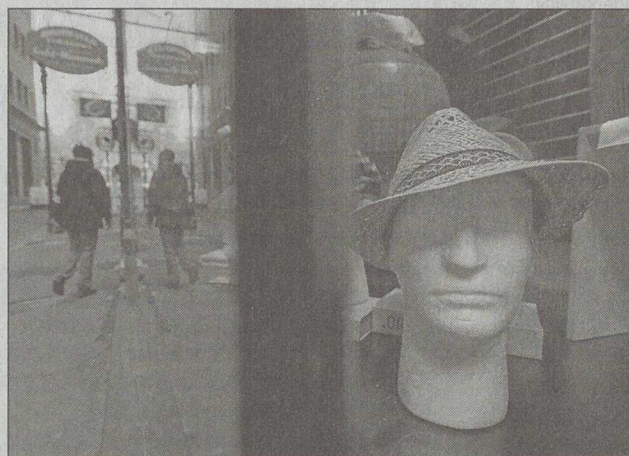
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A HAT RESTS ON A MANNEQUIN in a store window, Tuesday, March 24, 2020, in Boston. Mass. Gov. Charlie Baker ordered all nonessential businesses to close by Tuesday afternoon March 24.

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Wilmington Police Log

Dumpster catches fire at Wetmore Company building

Friday, March 13:

9:01 a.m.: The Fire Department assisted a Handon Road residence with a smoking electrical panel in their basement.

3:05 p.m.: Police resolved a verbal dispute over a collision between a Ford F-350 and an Acura TL at the Post Office on Church Street.

Saturday, March 14:

10:48 a.m.: Police received a report that the night before, an unknown truck drove away from the Mobile gas station on Lowell Street with a gas pump in its tank, causing damage to the pump and spilling gas.

6:27 p.m.: The driver's side door of a Dodge Durango was damaged in a hit and run while the vehicle was parked at Lucci's on Lowell Street.

Sunday, March 15:

1:41 p.m.: A Kilby Street resident reported that her mailbox was attacked multiple times since two days prior.

Monday, March 16:

8:52 a.m.: Animal Control disposed of a deceased rabbit on Salem Street.

2:07 p.m.: A Hyundai Tucson was hit by an unknown

vehicle in the parking lot of Target on Ballardvale Street. Police got the security footage from the store on a CD to attempt to identify the other vehicle.

4:05 p.m.: A Toyota Scion slipped out of gear and hit a trailer pulled by a Chevrolet Silverado while driving by the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and High Street. No one was injured and the vehicles remained drivable.

Tuesday, March 17:

10:05 a.m.: Animal Control checked the Target parking lot on Ballardvale Street after a report of a goose with a broken wing and a limp. No such goose was found.

12:04 p.m.: An injured hawk was reported in the area of a ravine near Andover Street. Animal Control could not find the animal.

6:40 p.m.: Police were called in to inspect graffiti on the Charles Auto Body building on Main Street.

Wednesday, March 18:

7:41 a.m.: A Toyota Highlander hit a pole on West Street. The vehicle had to be towed, but the pole remained stable, though it was moved.

9:27 a.m.: A Toyota Corolla and a Chrysler 200

were in a motor vehicle collision by Z & S Gas and Service on Main St. No one was injured.

9:41 a.m.: A Subaru Forester and a Toyota RAV4 were in a collision at Market Basket on Main Street. One of the drivers left the scene without realizing there was an accident but later contacted the other driver.

1:39 p.m.: A Clark Street resident reported that her Toyota Corolla was egged at an unknown time during the previous few days.

2:01 p.m.: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Cushing Drive involving a Nissan Rogue and a GMC Yukon. One of the vehicles was parked at the time. Airbags were deployed in the incident.

10:55 p.m.: An MBTA train had to be held due to a backyard fire on Fairmeadow Drive. The Fire Department extinguished the fire.

Thursday, March 19:

5:32 a.m.: A dumpster caught fire at the Wetmore Company building on Ballardvale Street. The entire dumpster was caught in the flames and the smoke carried into the building nearby. A number of vans had to be moved so the Fire Department could get at the building properly.

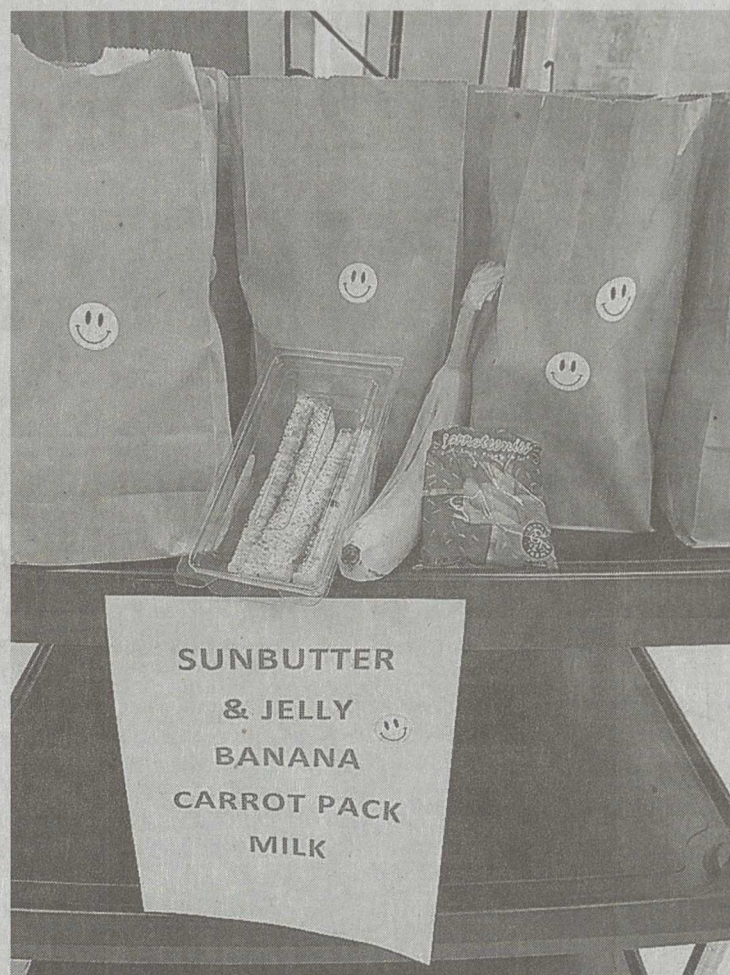


No student will go hungry

Part of the Grab and Go lunch team at the North Street School this week includes Jessica MacKeen, Heather Crowley and Lisa Bevilacqua. The Tewksbury

Public School system is providing salads, yogurt boxes, bagel boxes, ham, turkey and sunbutter sandwiches along with milk, fruit and a vegetable for each "to go" meal. The lunches are available Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for drive-by pick-up. According to Tewksbury's Director of Food and Nutrition Services Debralee Mugford, "Our goal is to insure that no student in the district goes hungry."

(Courtesy photos)



The Town Crier regrets that the Tewksbury Police Log was unavailable for publication this week.

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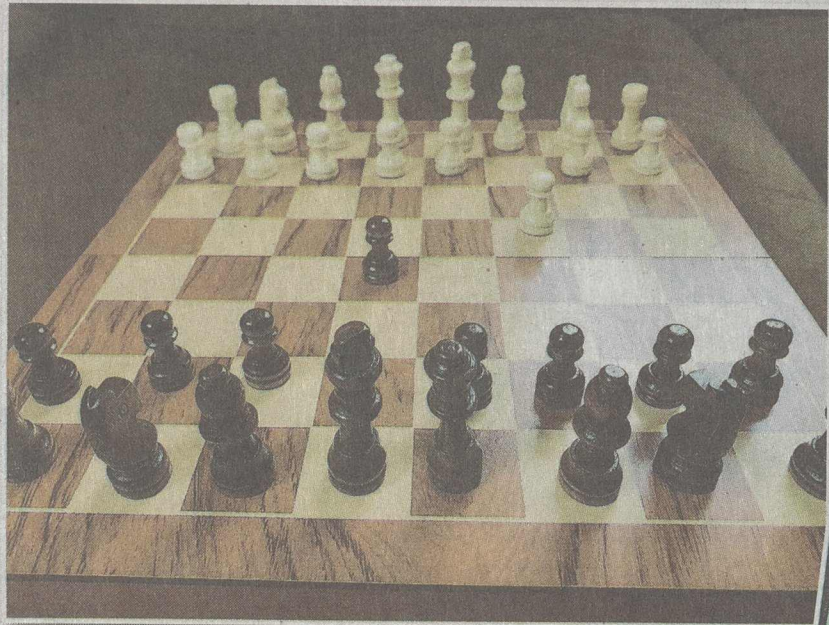
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◀ Clockwise from top left: Chess, Monopoly, Scrabble and Clue are just a few of the board games you can use to fight the boredom.

(Heather Burns photos)

Fight quarantine boredom with board games

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After a week of the kids being home from school with no organized activities or play dates, they probably have had their fill of Netflix and video games and are starting to get restless.

Anxious parents are constantly trying to come up with new ideas to entertain their kids, but maybe it is time for some old school remedies. Perhaps the most obvious but overlooked tried and true way to fight boredom is with a board game.

Board games have been a source of family entertainment for much longer than you may have thought.

While uncovering relics at The Basur Hoyuk, a 5,000 year old burial spot in Southeast Turkey, archaeologists discovered 50 small, carved stones believed to be pieces of the first known board game.

Similar discoveries have been made in regions around the Nile.

Some ancient games involved dice made out of wood, stone, or bone. Others used painted sticks that would be flipped in the same concept of rolling dice.

Because of these findings, many believe the game of Dice was the beginning of the widespread use of board games as entertainment, and

many other ancient games still translate in today's society as family favorites. The game of Backgammon dates back to 2000 BC.

The oldest Chess game can be traced back to as early as 1300 BC.

Dominoes have been popular since the 18th century, but the game was invented in China around 1100 AD.

The old fashioned but favorite game of Checkers may be older than you think, as archaeological evidence shows that Checkers dates back as early as 1400 BC.

Parcheesi is a 16th century game that was a favorite of Indian Emperor Akbar.

The childhood favorite game, Chutes and Ladders, was made popular by the Milton Bradley Company in 1943, but was adapted from the Indian version called Snakes and Ladders, which dates back to 200 BC.

Although many of the classic board games have ancient origins, it is the timeline of 1860 to 1960 that produced many of the board games that are still popular today.

The Game of Life, first known as The Simple Life, was created by Milton Bradley Company in 1860, and is considered America's first popular parlor board game.

In 1903, one of America's first game board designers, Lizzie Magie, released



the game The Landlord's Game. This game required the players to follow a board of properties, railroads, and utilities, and had a jail on the corner of the board.

This game would eventually become one of the most popular board games in the world after Magie sold the patent to the Parker Brothers Company, and they released it as the game Monopoly in 1935.

In 1933, New York City architect Alfred Moshier Butts first got the idea for creating a letter game like a crossword puzzle. But it wasn't until the early 1950s when fellow New Yorker James Drunot took over production of the game, and succeeded to get it on the shelves of Macy's Department Stores.

By 1952, the game of Scrabble was a huge hit, and still remains a popular family pastime. After WWII, a board game called Murder! was released in 1949. This murder

mystery game is now known today as the game of Clue!

Fondly known as the first board game most of us played as a child, the children's game Candy Land was originally introduced by the Milton Bradley Company in 1949. It is still a popular "first board game" today, but is now produced by Hasbro.

In 1959, Parker Brothers released their first war board game called Risk. The game Risk sold over 100,000 copies its first year, and is still popular today.

The 1960s through the 1990s created a new generation of beloved board games. Some were traditional, others were more unconventional, like the games Operation, Twister, Hungry, Hungry Hippos, Perfection, or Connect Four. Although the layout for these games do not follow the format of traditional board games, they all have staying power and are still popular with kids



today.

In 1974, the release of the game Dungeons and Dragons was the most unconventional format of a board game of its time, as it had no board and no cards. However, this game started a massive wave of imagination led games. The Dungeon and Dragons game hit its popularity during the 1980s and 90s, and continues to be popular today.

Many board games of more recent release translate well into a fun family game night, offering a more boisterous play atmosphere.

Games like Pictionary or Heads Up put a fun, modern twist on the old party favorite game of Charades.

The game Speak Out takes the old fashioned game of Telephone to a new fun level, and games

like What Do You Meme resonate well with the social media generation, and is a fun game for teens and adults.

If you have kids, or you were once a kid yourself, chances are you have a closet full of board games that are just waiting to be played. If you don't have all of the classic board games in your collection, many of the old school, traditional board games are now available in app versions for your smartphone or computer.

So choose your board game poison, whether it be classic, vintage, unconventional or contemporary, and plan a family game night. Not only will a night of playing board games relieve some boredom, it will lift your family's morale and create memories that will last a lifetime.

If you need to escape confinement, walk the Reformatory Branch Trail in Bedford (just stay six feet apart)

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As part of our continuing goal of getting a walk in every day during the coronavirus pandemic we investigated the Reformatory Branch Trail in Bedford.

Part of the Friends of Depot Park's three trail system, the four-mile flat path runs from Bedford to Concord Center along the former Boston and Maine rail line. We parked at the

dirt lot just off of Railroad Avenue, which was easy to find off of Route 62 in Bedford.

On the day we visited, the path was active with families, cyclists, and walkers out to make good use of the time granted. The trail is wide and was a touch soft and muddy in a few spots so the best advice is to wear hikers or footwear that is OK to get a little dirty.

There are plenty of ways to skirt the mud, so don't let that information deter you. We had a few of us on foot and a few on bikes for this trail, all giving a thumbs up review.

The Reformatory Branch, according to the Friend's of Depot Park information, went to the state prison in Concord, hence its name. Remnants of the old rail line are apparent along the trail, including a whistle stop and a siding; a place to load freight onto rail cars.

Railroad ties are visible in some places along the edges, and there are several features such as crossings and remnant of old stations. Those familiar with the

Minuteman Bikeway, an 11-mile paved path, may find this a nice alternative. There is no pavement on this trail, but it is friendly for bicycles due to the packed earth. There are several street crossings including Hartwell Avenue, Route 62 and some smaller residential roads.

If you make it all the way to Concord Center, the Trail's End café will greet you (though don't expect it open if you visit now during the pandemic).

The scenic Dike Trail branches offer a tour around the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge which skirts along the trail. This meadow is considered, according to the Fish and Wildlife Service, as one of the premier birding locations in Massachusetts.

Bicycles and dogs are not permitted on this portion of the trail. There is an observation tower at one end of the trail for visitors to survey the meadow. A man-made dike separates the meadow from the river.

Spring peepers were loud on the day we visited, and

the birding will only increase as the weather warms. Bring binoculars and a birding guide. We liked this trail so much, we went back a second day to explore.

There are several side trails from the main Reformatory Branch Trail which can be explored, but it is suggested to wear long pants and long sleeves as mosquitoes and ticks are emerging. This advice applies for any trail walk, actually.

For example, the Elm Brook Conservation Area is on one side of the trail, and near Concord Center one could make a side trip to the Old North Bridge and the Old Manse on Monument Street in Concord.

As with all attractions during this pandemic, call ahead or check websites to see if restrooms are open. Even if Massachusetts receives a stay-at-home order, residents will be allowed to go outdoors for a walk.

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The Reformatory Branch Trail is flat and wide and long- perfect for social distancing. (Paige Impink photos)

▲ Top left: A whistle post on the Reformatory Branch Trail signaled where the engineer was to blow the signal for the road crossing at what is now Hartwell Road. The yellow flag means that a train crew member had to flag the crossing. The road was formerly Shady Hill Road, leading to Shady Hill Nursery which is now New England Nursery in Bedford.